

PDC

# BOY

## COMICS

OCT 6 1966

10¢

DEC.  
NO. 37

### CRIMEBUSTER

in **2**

COMPLETE FEATURE-  
LENGTH STORIES

LEV GLEASON, PUBLISHER • CHARLES BIRO AND BOB WOOD, EDITORS

I SAID,  
DROP IT, YOU  
BLOODY HYENA!  
NOW YOU'RE  
GONNA DRAG 'EM  
OUT OF THERE  
WITH YOUR  
BARE  
HANDS!

I TELL YA, I NEVER  
SEEN THEM CORPSES!  
GO AHEAD AN' LOCK  
ME UP! I BUSTED OUT  
BEFORE, AN' I'LL  
DO IT AGAIN!!

DON'T  
LOOK DOWN  
THERE, JOYCE!  
NOT IF YOU  
HAVE A WEAK  
STOMACH!

CHARLES  
BIRO

LEV GLEASON  
PUBLICATIONS  
INTEGRITY





WEB COMIC  
UNIVERSE.COM



# Scoop! Complete Picture-Taking Picture-Making Outfit for only \$4.98

Candid-Type Camera! Complete Developing Outfit! Complete Printing Outfit! All for one low price of only \$4.98!



SEND FOR  
YOUR OUTFIT TODAY!

## At Last! You Can Take, Make and Develop Your Own Pictures!

This is the first time a complete picture-taking, picture-making outfit has ever been offered at the sensationally low price of only \$4.98. You might ordinarily expect to pay much more than that for a good developing kit. Yet here you not only get a big, 14-piece Developing Kit so that you can actually make and develop your own pictures, but also a famous make candid-type Camera which takes regular size pictures. Positively not a toy. Both the Camera and the Developing Kit are "the real thing"—guaranteed to work on the same principle as those used by experienced photographers.

**Easy To Make Your Own Pictures!** Think of it!—You can go out and snap pictures of your favorite scenes, of important events and land-marks, or of members of your family. Then, within a few minutes after you snap the pictures, you can develop them yourself. Virtually without waiting you can make and develop those same pictures right in your own home. Watch them come to life... clear and sharp... before your very eyes, almost like magic. Sensational! Exciting! Thrilling fun such as you've never known before.

### Make Money While Having Fun!

This is the chance of a lifetime to pursue an interesting hobby and learn the fascinating photography business at the same time. You can even make money in your spare hours. Use your Home Developing Kit to accommodate friends and neighbors. They'll be glad to give you their business for it will save them time and money, just as it does you.

**THE CAMERA** has all the latest features, including snapshot and time exposure and level view finder. Uses easy-to-get 127 film and takes 16 pictures on an 8-exposure roll. **THE DEVELOPING KIT** consists of

14 individual pieces as shown. There are 2 plastic trays, 1 metal print frame, 1 stirring rod, 1 package of two dozen sheets of contact paper, 3 Universal M-Q developer packs, 1 box acid-fixing solution, 1 plastic funnel, 1 GE darkroom light, 2 plastic clips and 1 easy-to-follow Handbook of developing and printing.

### 10 Day Examination Offer

Is this a value? You bet it is! By far the greatest value in the country today. Never before has it been possible to get everything necessary to take, make and develop pictures all for this one low price of only \$4.98. These outfits are sure to be grabbed up fast. Photo and camera enthusiasts everywhere will be anxious to own a complete Kit such as this for fun and for spare time profit. You'll be wise to order your complete outfit right now while this low price offer is still in effect so that you won't be disappointed. It's first come, first served. If you want to get started at once to take, make and develop your own pictures, mail the coupon below today. You **SEND NO MONEY!** We'll let you examine and use the kit as your own for 10 days on our money-back guarantee offer.

## You get this Big 14 Piece Developing Kit!



## SEND NO MONEY! RUSH THIS COUPON FOR YOUR OUTFIT TODAY!

ILLINOIS MERCHANDISE MART, Dept. 2525, 1227 Loyola Ave., Chicago 26, Illinois

Gentlemen, Send me the Complete Picture-Taking, Picture-Making Outfit as described. On arrival I will pay postpaid only \$4.98 plus few cents postage and C.O.D. charges for everything. It is understood that if I am not positively delighted with the outfit in every way, I can return it within 10 days for full refund.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

ZONE \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I enclose \$4.98 in advance with this order to save shipping charges. Please send the Complete Outfit to me all postage charges prepaid on your 10-day money-back guarantee offer.

BOY COMICS is published bi-monthly by LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, INC., at 114 East 32nd Street, New York, 16, N.Y. Hannah Schreiber, Business Manager. Editorial, executive and advertising offices at 114 East 32nd Street, New York, 16, N.Y., U.S.A. Reentered May 19, 1942 as second class matter at the Post Office at New York, N.Y., under the Act of March 3, 1879. Additional entry at Meriden, Conn. Single copies 10c; yearly subscription in U. S. 60c. No actual person is named or delineated in this magazine. Copyright, 1947, by LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, INC. Printed in U.S.A. December 1947, Vol. 1, No. 37. The Publisher is not responsible for unsolicited manuscripts. Manuscripts accompanied by self-addressed, stamped envelopes will be returned.





Calling All DICK TRACY Fans!

You Can Actually SEND and RECEIVE With This

# Genuine DICK TRACY RECEIVES TWO-WAY TRANSMITS WRIST RADIO

For  
only  
**\$3.98**  
Complete with  
Aerial and  
Ground Lead-in  
Wires

THESE TWO-WAY WRIST RADIOS  
ARE A TERRIFIC TOY -  
AND TO THINK THEY WORK  
WITHOUT BATTERIES  
OR TUBES!



AH! THIS PROGRAM  
COMES IN CLEAR AS  
A BELL.



JUNIOR USES  
AN AERIAL  
TIED TO A TREE

THIS METAL WINDOW  
FRAME MAKES A  
GOOD AERIAL!



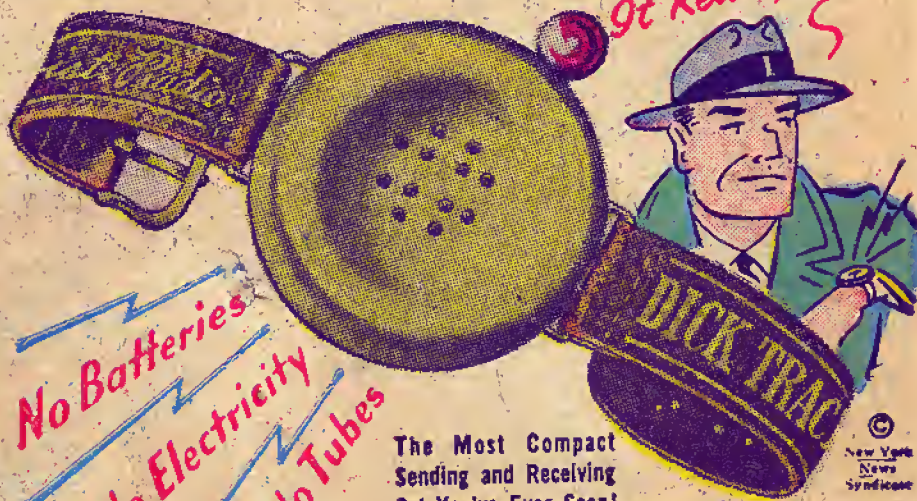
DIET SMITH GETS  
STOCK REPORTS  
ON HIS WRIST RADIO

NOW I CAN LISTEN TO  
RADIO PROGRAMS  
WITHOUT DISTURBING  
ANYONE!



YES -  
TALKING  
EASIER  
A QUIET  
EVENING

OH BOY! IT WORKS TWO  
WAYS! RECEIVES BROADCASTS  
AND IS A PRIVATE TWO-WAY  
TRANSMITTER BETWEEN ME  
AND ALL MY FRIENDS WHO  
OWN A DICK TRACY WRIST RADIO



No Batteries  
No Electricity  
No Tubes

The Most Compact  
Sending and Receiving  
Set You've Ever Seen!

©  
New York  
News  
Syndicate

It Really Works

You've Seen It In The Comics...

**NOW YOU CAN HAVE ONE OF YOUR VERY OWN!**

Here it is, kids... the one and only DICK TRACY TWO-WAY Wrist Radio that actually transmits your voice over short distances... and receives regular radio broadcasts up to 50 miles away. Yes, we've strived to make this TWO-WAY Wrist Radio as much like DICK TRACY's as possible, and we're offering it to real DICK TRACY Fans at a price far lower than you'd expect to pay for even a one-way radio.

**WEAR IT LIKE ANY WATCH... LISTEN IN LIKE ANY RADIO**

Just think of the fun you'll have using it... listening in to ball games... getting the low-down on things the very moment they happen. With a DICK TRACY TWO-WAY Wrist Radio you'll quickly become the most popular kid in town. But remember, quantity is limited, so if you want to be sure of getting yours you had better ACT NOW!

**USES RADAR DETECTOR SIMILAR TO THAT DEVELOPED DURING WAR!**

Not just a dream... but a scientific reality! At last, radio engineers have developed a combination radio receiver and telephonic transmitter so compact you can wear it on your wrist. Specially built-in earphone assures private reception for your ears alone, and powerful RADAR detector pulls in far-off stations. Comes to you complete with aerial and ground connections. Order one and use it to listen to radio stations. Order TWO and you'll actually be able to transmit your voice from one building to another with amazing results. Get on the road to popularity! Amaze friends! Send for your DICK TRACY TWO-WAY Wrist Radio today!

**Supply Limited! Clip This Coupon and Mail!**

Parker-Johns, 180 W. Randolph, Chicago 1, Ill., Dept. DTR-36

- ☐ Please send me ONE Dick Tracy Wrist Radio for \$3.98  
☐ I want to receive and transmit to a friend. Please send me TWO Dick Tracy Wrist Radios for only \$7.96

**CHECK ONE** ☐ Ship postpaid. I am enclosing cash.  
☐ Ship C.O.D. I'll pay postman total plus postage.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Residents of Illinois include 2% State Tax. Price in Canada add 50c. No C.O.D.'s





# Hey Fellas!

The CAR You've Dreamed About, CAN NOW BE YOURS!  
The REX MAYS Racer runs 150-175 feet up to 15 miles per hour.

All year  
round thrill  
for only  
**\$2.49**



1/16th SCALE MODEL  
1947  
Indianapolis Racer

**This REX MAYS Racer with its FREE WHEEL-  
ING Heavy duty Spring Motor Brings You  
the roaring excitement of the Speed Track!**

Here it is—that miniature car you've always wanted. The fastest, smoothest performing, best-looking car for its size and price you've ever seen. You'll thrill to its power as you watch this sleek, almost a foot long racer speed into high from a standing start. Ask for action. Zip! You get it as this mighty, REX MAYS Special breezes into Free Wheeling, to whiz down the straightaway at up to 15 miles per hour. And talk about unusual features! Count 'em! (1) Colorful, two-tone chip-proof finish. (2) Streamlined molded plastic construction that's virtually unbreakable. (3) Custom-built, live, resilient rubber tires. (4) Precision-machined wheels with realistic looking break drums. (5) Off-set cockpit, flared head piece and steering wheel that actually turns. These as well as other outstanding features make the REX MAYS Racer the best car value of the year. Send for your REX MAYS Racer today on our 10 day Money Back guarantee and see for yourself.

## FORM YOUR OWN RACING CLUB!

It's easy! It's fun! Run your own speed races right in your neighborhood. We help you by offering reduced prices on quantity orders. Just get several of your friends together to join you in ordering the REX MAYS racer on our Club Plan. Get parents or friends or the club itself to put up prizes—have loads of fun! On our club plan you can order 3 REX MAYS Racers for only \$6.75 (\$2.25 each) or 6 Racers for only \$11.95 (\$1.99 each). Just mail your club orders for REX MAYS Racers on the handy coupon. If you enclose remittance with your order we prepay shipping charges.

## SEND NO MONEY! Mail Coupon To Get Your Racer!

ILLINOIS MERCHANDISE MART Dept 2500  
1227 Loyola Ave., Chicago 26, Ill.

Gentlemen ☐ Send me the REX MAYS Racer as described. I will pay the postman on arrival only \$2.49 plus few cents postage and C.O.D. charges. It is understood that I must be fully satisfied in every way or I can return my Racer within 10 days for refund.

NOTE If you want to order more than one Racer to take advantage of our Club Plan offer check the following:  
☐ 3 Racers for \$6.75 ☐ 6 Racers for \$11.95

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ To save C.O.D. and shipping charges I am enclosing remittance in advance for full amount of the above order.





# CRIMEBUSTER

story by  
**CHARLES BIRO**

**I**N THE OPINION OF SOME PEOPLE, PARENTS HAVE NO RIGHT TO EXPECT THEIR CHILDREN TO PAY THEM BACK FOR ALL THAT THEY HAVE DONE, BUT THE MAJORITY MAINTAINS THAT THE SACRIFICE AND DEVOTION MOST PARENTS BESTOW, CANNOT BE MEASURED IN MONEY! IT SHOULD BE GIVEN UNSELFISHLY, WITHOUT EXPECTED REMUNERATION! IT IS INEVITABLE THAT A NORMAL CHILD WILL SHOW HIS GRATITUDE INSTINCTIVELY! HE WILL FEEL AND SENSE IT! IMPULSIVELY, HE WILL DO EVERYTHING HE CAN FOR HIS PARENTS' COMFORT AND WELL-BEING! THAT IS LOVE—IT CANNOT BE REQUESTED OR DEMANDED—IT MUST FLOWER OF ITS OWN FREE WILL! IN THIS STORY, THE PATERNAL LOVE REFERRED TO IS CURIOUSLY MISSING AND THE TRAGEDY ITS ABSENCE BROUGHT ABOUT, IS BEYOND REPAIR!

*Charles Biro*

DRAWN BY  
*-Dan Barry*

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO WET MY LINE! WHAT A PEACH OF A PLACE FOR FISHING! HOW'D YOU EVER FIND THIS SHANGRI-LA, LOOVER?

IT IS NICE, ISN'T IT? LAST SUMMER, I HAD TO COME TO WOODVALE, THAT'S THE CLOSEST TOWN! IT WAS AN EASY CASE TO CRACK, WHICH GAVE ME TIME LEFT OVER! THIS IS WHERE I SPENT IT!

BUT SINCE THEN, THIS IS THE FIRST CHANCE I'VE HAD TO COME BACK HERE! WHO'S GOING TO CATCH MORE TROUT, C.B., YOU OR I? HOW ABOUT A LITTLE WAGER? TELEGRAM? I'LL TAKE THAT!

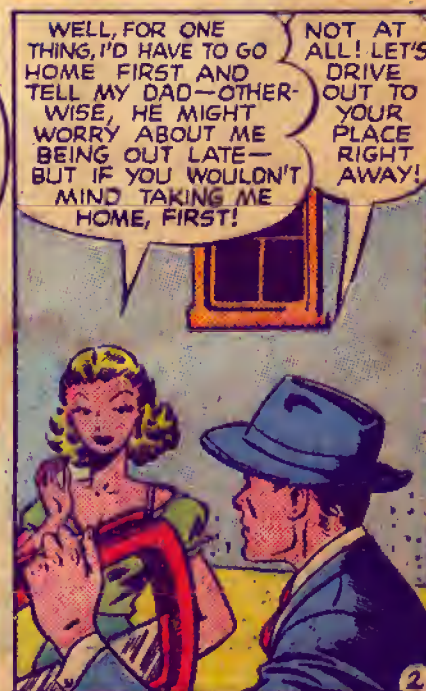
IT'S FOR A MR. LOOVER—IS THAT YOU?

WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT! THERE'S BEEN A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE MARROW CASE! DANG BLAST IT! I HAVE TO GO TO THE CITY AT ONCE! DARN! I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD TIME TO UNPACK MY STUFF!

CHEER UP, LOOVER! YOU'LL ONLY MISS A DAY OR TWO! I'LL LEAVE A FEW FISH IN THE LAKE FOR YOU!





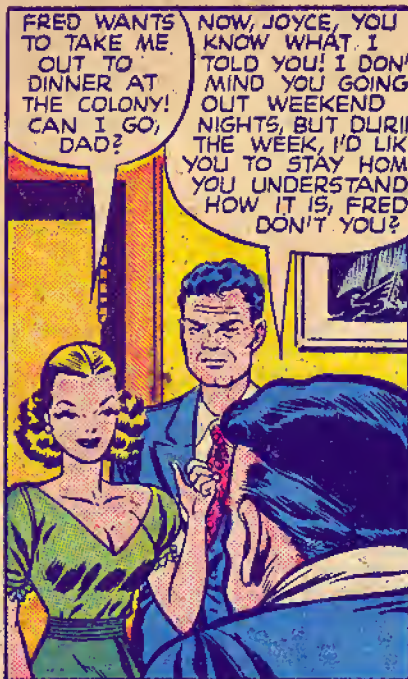






OH, DAD, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE—FRED ARNOLD! FRED, THIS IS MY FATHER AND MY BROTHER, BERT!

PLEASSED TO MEET YOU, MR. TATE! JOYCE HAS ER... SOMETHING TO ASK YOU!



FRED WANTS TO TAKE ME OUT TO DINNER AT THE COLONY! CAN I GO, DAD?

NOW, JOYCE, YOU KNOW WHAT I TOLD YOU! I DON'T MIND YOU GOING OUT WEEKEND NIGHTS, BUT DURING THE WEEK, I'D LIKE YOU TO STAY HOME! YOU UNDERSTAND HOW IT IS, FRED, DON'T YOU?



WELL, YES, I SUPPOSE SO! I AM DISAPPOINTED, THOUGH!

CHEER UP, FREDDIE! LOOK, WHY NOT SPEND A NICE, QUIET EVENING WITH US? PLAY A FEW HANDS OF CARDS, WHILE JOYCE MAKES UP SOME DINNER! WHAT DO YOU SAY? SHE'S A DARN GOOD COOK!



WHAT COULD BE SWEETER? THAT'S OKAY WITH ME, AS LONG AS THE STAKES AREN'T TOO HIGH! CUT ME IN—WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE, POKER, OR HOW ABOUT SOME TWENTY-ONE?

WHATEVER YOU SAY, JOYCE, YOU GO OUTSIDE AND HUSTLE US UP SOME VITTLES AND DRINKS, LIKE A GOOD GIRL!



IT'S GETTING LATE AND I SHOULD RUN ALONG—ALTHOUGH I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO WIN BACK SOME OF YOUR MONEY!

AW, COME ON, LET'S PLAY ANOTHER ROUND! JOYCE, YOU RUN ALONG UPSTAIRS TO BED! IT'S PAST YOUR BEDTIME!



NOW I **REALLY** SHOULD GO, MR. TATE! THANKS FOR THE SWELL GAME!

WHY, IT'S EARLY! JUST ONE MORE ROUND AND A NIGHT CAP! BERT, YOU FIX UP OUR DRINKS WHILE I DEAL!

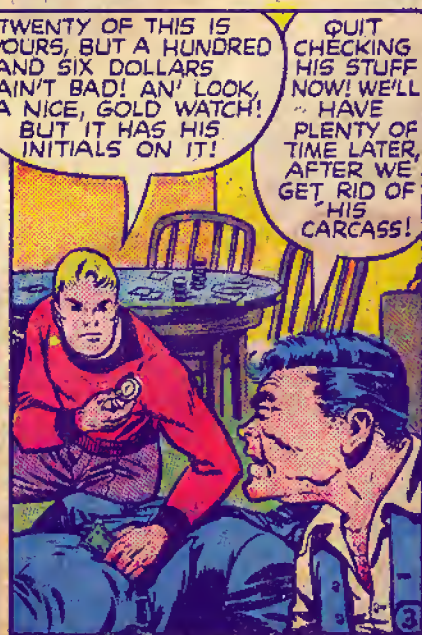


ALL RIGHT—JUST ONE MORE HAND—BOY, OH, BOY, YOU SURE LIKE YOUR POKER!

THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' I LIKE BETTERR PLAYIN' WITH A GOOD SPORT LIKE YOU, FREDDIE!



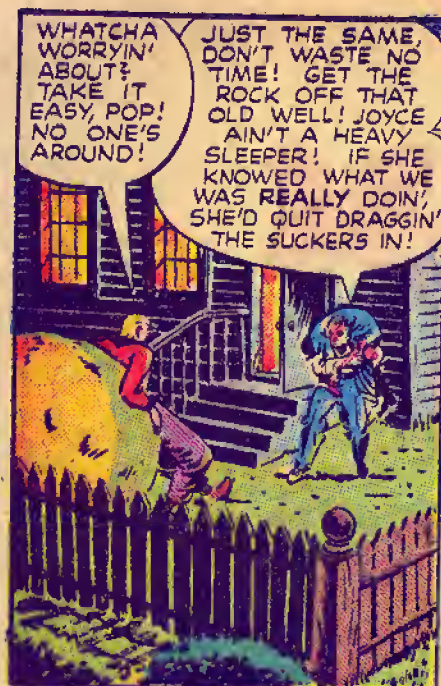
A NICE, CLEAN WALLOP, BERT! HE NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM!



TWENTY OF THIS IS YOURS, BUT A HUNDRED AND SIX DOLLARS AIN'T BAD! AN' LOOK, A NICE, GOLD WATCH! BUT IT HAS HIS INITIALS ON IT!

QUIT CHECKING HIS STUFF NOW! WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME LATER, AFTER WE GET RID OF HIS CARCASS!





WHATCHA WORRYIN' ABOUT? TAKE IT EASY, POP! NO ONE'S AROUND!

JUST THE SAME, DON'T WASTE NO TIME! GET THE ROCK OFF THAT OLD WELL! JOYCE AIN'T A HEAVY SLEEPER! IF SHE KNOWN WHAT WE WAS REALLY DOIN', SHE'D QUIT DRAGGIN' THE SUCKERS IN!



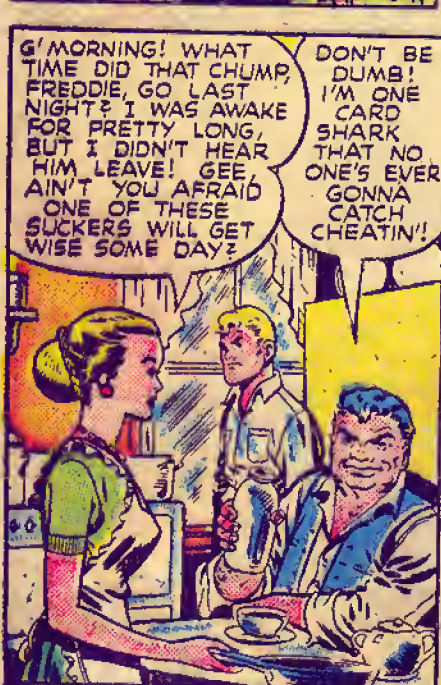
FUNNY HOW SHE AIN'T LIKE US! I GUESS MAYBE 'CAUSE SHE'S A SKIRT!

THAT DOES IT! AT THE RATE WE'RE GOIN', WE'LL HAVE TO START LOOKIN' FER A NEW BURIAL GROUND!



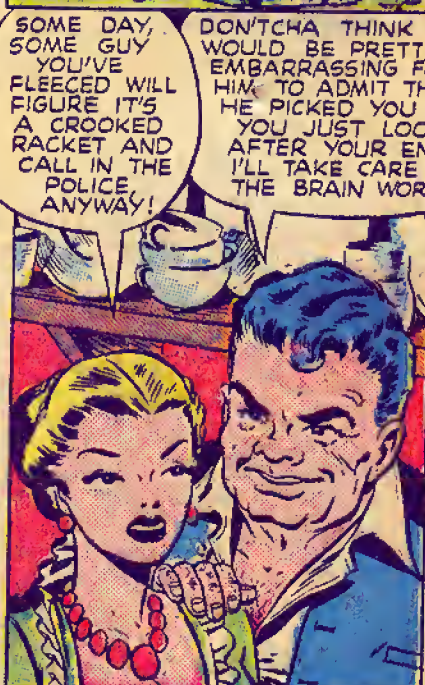
WHAT A SWEET RACKET THIS IS! DO YOU KNOW, WE'VE TAKEN IN OVER SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS! JOYCE SURE KNOWS HOW TO BRING 'EM IN!

SHE SURE DOES! I JUST HOPE IT LASTS! BOY, IF SHE EVER FOUND OUT HOW WE WAS KILLING THESE JOES, SHE'D SURE RAISE THE DEVIL!



G'MORNING! WHAT TIME DID THAT CHUMP, FREDDIE, GO LAST NIGHT? I WAS AWAKE FOR PRETTY LONG, BUT I DIDN'T HEAR HIM LEAVE! GEE AIN'T YOU AFRAID ONE OF THESE SUCKERS WILL GET WISE SOME DAY?

DON'T BE DUMB! I'M ONE CARD SHARK THAT NO ONE'S EVER GONNA CATCH CHEATIN'!



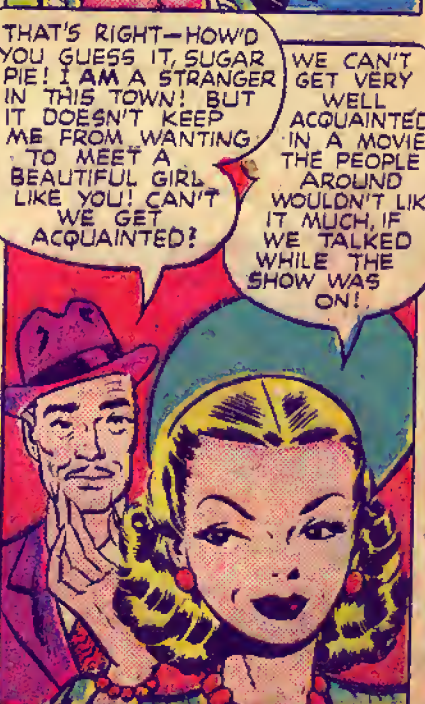
SOME DAY, SOME GUY YOU'VE FLEECEED WILL FIGURE IT'S A CROOKED RACKET AND CALL IN THE POLICE ANYWAY!

DON'TCHA THINK IT WOULD BE PRETTY EMBARRASSING FOR HIM TO ADMIT THAT HE PICKED YOU UP! YOU JUST LOOK AFTER YOUR END! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE BRAIN WORK!



FORGIVE ME, BEAUTIFUL, BUT I JUST CAN'T RESIST WANTING TO KNOW YOU! I WAS JUST PLANNING TO SEE THIS MOVIE, MYSELF! HOW ABOUT JOINING ME?

I DON'T USUALLY TALK TO STRANGERS!



THAT'S RIGHT—HOW'D YOU GUESS IT, SUGAR PIE! I AM A STRANGER IN THIS TOWN! BUT IT DOESN'T KEEP ME FROM WANTING TO MEET A BEAUTIFUL GIRL LIKE YOU! CAN'T WE GET ACQUAINTED?

WE CAN'T GET VERY WELL ACQUAINTED IN A MOVIE! THE PEOPLE AROUND WOULDN'T LIKE IT MUCH, IF WE TALKED WHILE THE SHOW WAS ON!



YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE! SAY, THEN HOW ABOUT US GOING SOME PLACE WHERE WE COULD TALK? MY NAME IS GEORGE KENT! WHAT'S YOURS?

W..WELL... ALL RIGHT! I GUESS WE COULD! HOW ABOUT A SODA NEXT DOOR? MY NAME IS JOYCE!







THAT FINISHES ME! I'VE DROPPED OVER EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS TONIGHT! I'VE GOT TO GIVE YOU CREDIT—YOU'RE PRETTY HANDY WITH THOSE CARDS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN! I'M ON TO YOUR LITTLE RACKET, PAL! AFTER ALL, I'VE BEEN AROUND! WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?

SO YOU BEEN AROUND, HUH? WELL, THAT'S TOO BAD FOR YOU!

TAKE IT EASY, SON! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN REPORTING YOUR TALENT TO THE POLICE, BUT I GOTTA ADMIT, IT'S QUITE A PERFORMANCE YOU THREE PUT ON!

HOLD UP, 'BERT!

YOU MEAN YOU THINK WE SENT JOYCE OUT TO BRING YOU BACK, JUST TO HUSTLE YOU?

WHAT ELSE? I'LL BET I'M NOT THE FIRST ONE THAT GOT IT! MOST OF THE GUYS I GUESS, ARE TOO EMBARRASSED TO MAKE A FUSS, SO THEY LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT, OR MAYBE SOME ARE TOO DUMB TO FIGURE IT!

OH...SO YOU THINK YOU'RE SMART FIGURING IT OUT—WELL, NOW THAT YOU GOT IT ALL DOPED OUT—SO WHAT?

SO NOTHING! I CAN AFFORD TO LOSE A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT I'VE LOST—AND NOT MIND IT! WHAT I DON'T LIKE, IS SEEING A NICE KID LIKE JOYCE WRAPPED UP IN A SKUNK RACKET LIKE THIS!

WATCH YER FAST LIP! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTIN' AT! YOU'VE GONE OVERBOARD FER JOYCE, AIN'TCHA?

I DARN WELL HAVE! SHE'S THE KIND OF GIRL I'D LIKE TO MARRY! YESSIR, I'D LIKE TO MARRY HER AND TAKE HER AWAY FROM THIS SORT OF LIFE!

MAYBE IT COULD BE ARRANGED! BUT OF COURSE, JOYCE IS VERY VALUABLE TO OUR ENTERPRISE! I DON'T KNOW HOW WE COULD OPERATE WITHOUT HER—NOT UNLESS I HAD ENOUGH MOOLA TO RETIRE ON!

JUST HOW MUCH WOULD IT TAKE TO RETIRE YOU?

HMM...I'D SAY SHE'S CERTAINLY WORTH...I MEAN—I COULD RETIRE ON SAY...TEN THOUSAND?

IT'S A DEAL! I'LL GIVE YOU MY CHECK RIGHT NOW, BUT WAIT—HOW DO I KNOW SHE'LL MARRY ME? MAYBE SHE'S GOT OTHER IDEAS?

DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT! YOU WRITE OUT THE CHECK WHILE I GO UP AND BREAK THE GOOD NEWS TO HER! SHE'LL BE DEEELIGHTED!





ME, GET MARRIED? HOW CAN I? YOU'VE SCARED AWAY EVERY BOY FRIEND I EVER HAD!

OH, THOSE PUNKS—I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU—REAL GOOD NEWS! WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU GEORGE IS GONNA MARRY YOU?



GEORGE? YOU MEAN THAT PRUNE FACE I HUSTLED IN LAST NIGHT? MARRY ME? THAT'S THE FUNNIEST THING I EVER HEARD! WHY, I WOULDN'T MARRY HIM FOR ANYTHING—YOU MUST BE KIDDING! WHY, HE'S OLD AND UGLY! I WANT TO MARRY A GUY I LOVE—A HANDSOME GUY WITH SOMETHING ON THE BALL—BUT GEORGE...HA, HA, HA!



WHY, YOU DIZZY FEMALE—HE'S GOT A LOTTA DOUGH! HE CAN GIVE YOU FUR COATS AN' STUFF! WHAT I SAY, GOES—YOU'RE GONNA MARRY GEORGE AN' LIKE IT! NOW, COME ON DOWNSTAIRS!

I'M NOT! I'M NOT! I WON'T—I WON'T DO IT!



SHUT UP! YOU'LL DO AS I SAY, OR I'LL BEAT YOUR BRAINS OUT!

NO! I WON'T! I HATE HIM! I'LL TELL HIM SO! OW!



YOU'LL TELL HIM YOU'LL MARRY HIM! I WON'T STOP BEATIN' YOU TILL YOU DO!

DON'T! STOP! STOP! YOU'RE... OHH...



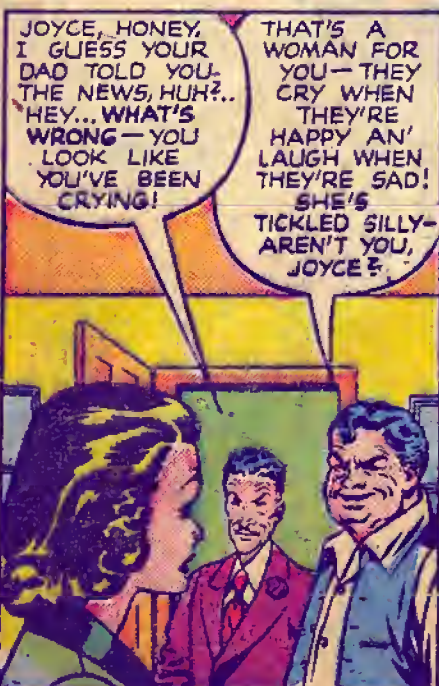
IT'S UP TO YOU! DO YOU WANT MORE OR HAVE YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES! NOW, ARE YOU GONNA MARRY GEORGE?

YES! DON'T HIT ME ANY MORE, PLEASE! SOB, SOB! I'LL MARRY HIM! I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!



THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! GIT YERSELF CLEANED, WHILE I GET 'IM UP HERE!

GEORGE! HEY, GEORGE! COME ON UP HERE!



JOYCE, HONEY, I GUESS YOUR DAD TOLD YOU THE NEWS, HUH?... HEY... WHAT'S WRONG—YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN CRYING!

THAT'S A WOMAN FOR YOU—THEY CRY WHEN THEY'RE HAPPY AN' LAUGH WHEN THEY'RE SAD! SHE'S TICKLED SILLY—AREN'T YOU, JOYCE?



GOSH, THAT'S JUST DANDY! HOW'S ABOUT A REAL BIG KISS FOR YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND?

NO! NO! PLEASE! LET ME GO!

COME NOW, JOYCE, THIS IS NO TIME TO ACT SHY—GIVE GEORGE HIS KISS!



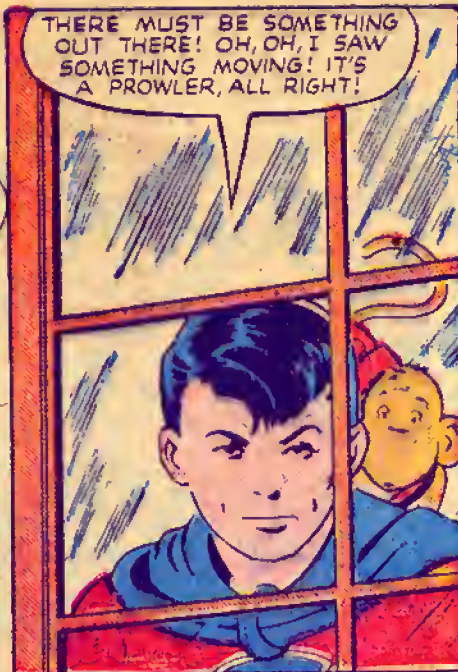






LOOVER WILL BE BACK TOMORROW, SQUEEKS! POOR GUY—HE'S LOST NEARLY A WEEK OF GOOD FISHING! HEY, WHAT'S EATING YOU, SQUEEKS?

SQUEEK! SQUEEK!



THERE MUST BE SOMETHING OUT THERE! OH, OH, I SAW SOMETHING MOVING! IT'S A PROWLER, ALL RIGHT!



C'MON, SQUEEKS, LET'S GO OUTSIDE! WE'RE GOING TO DO A LITTLE PROWLING OURSELVES!



WE'LL GO CLEAN AROUND THE CABIN AND AMBUSH HIM!



AHA! THERE'S OUR PEEPING TOM! EASY DOES IT, SQUEEKS!



YOU'RE TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY! IF YOU WERE ON THE SQUARE, YOU'D KNOCK ON THE DOOR LIKE A GENTLEMAN!

HELP! LET ME GO!! OOMGHFAP!



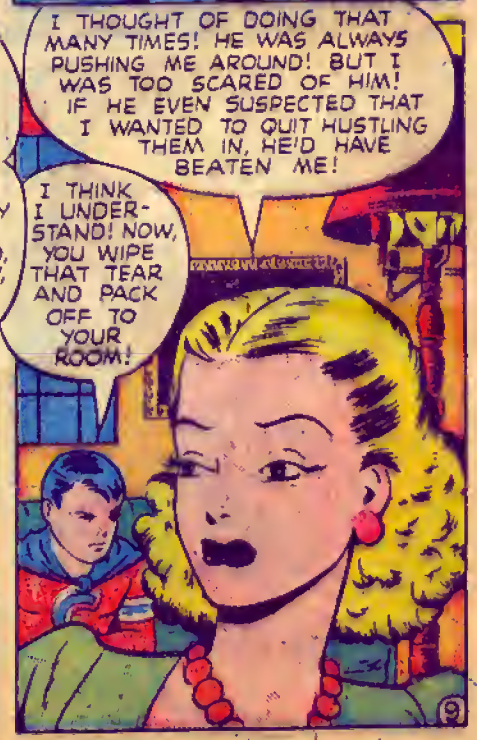
A GIRL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE—AND AT THIS HOUR? WHAT DO YOU WANT? LET'S HEAR IT ALL!

YOU WON'T BEAT ME, WILL YOU? I'VE RUN AWAY! I GOT LOST IN THE WOODS—THEN I SAW YOUR LIGHT! PLEASE, MAY I STAY IN YOUR WOOD SHED FOR THE NIGHT?



...IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD SAVE MYSELF FROM MARRYING THAT HORROR! THEY'LL COME LOOKING FOR ME—I KNOW IT! IF THEY COME, PLEASE DON'T TELL THEM I WAS HERE!

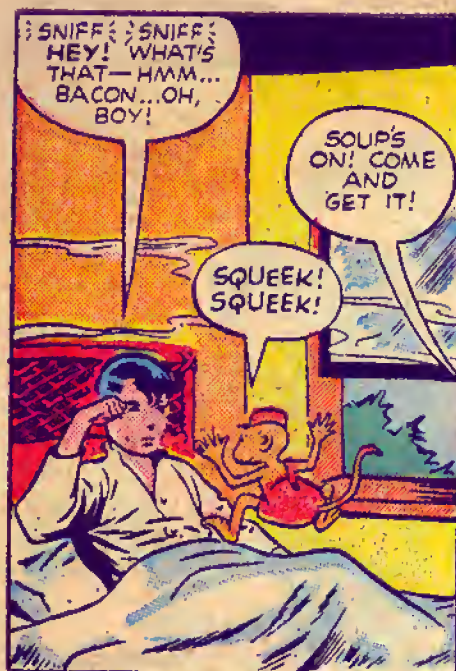
WHY WOULD I DO THAT? IF ALL THAT YOU'VE TOLD ME IS TRUE, THEN I THINK THE LAW WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT! THERE'S NOTHING MUCH WE CAN DO TONIGHT, SO WILL YOU ACCEPT MY HOSPITALITY? YOU CAN HAVE MY FRIEND, LOOVER'S ROOM! NOW, TELL ME, WHY DIDN'T YOU GO TO THE POLICE FROM THE FIRST?



I THOUGHT OF DOING THAT MANY TIMES! HE WAS ALWAYS PUSHING ME AROUND! BUT I WAS TOO SCARED OF HIM! IF HE EVEN SUSPECTED THAT I WANTED TO QUIT HUSTLING THEM IN, HE'D HAVE BEATEN ME!

I THINK I UNDERSTAND! NOW, YOU WIPE THAT TEAR AND PACK OFF TO YOUR ROOM!





SNIFF! SNIFF!  
HEY! WHAT'S  
THAT—HMM...  
BACON...OH,  
BOY!

SOUP'S  
ON! COME  
AND  
GET IT!

SQUEEK!  
SQUEEK!



THIS IS PRETTY  
MUCH ALL RIGHT!  
THESE HASH-  
BROWN' SPUDS  
ARE REALLY  
GOOD, TOO! SAY,  
YOU'RE OKAY!

I HOPE I  
DIDN'T MAKE  
YOUR BACON  
TOO WELL  
DONE! WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
ANOTHER  
EGG?



SQUEEK!  
SQUEEK!  
SQUEEK!

OHH...IT'S THEM!  
I KNEW IT!  
THEY'RE LOOKING  
FOR ME!

EASY NOW!  
YOU STAY IN  
HERE AND KEEP  
OUT OF SIGHT!  
I'LL SEE WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
OUT THERE!



GOOD  
MORNING!  
IS THERE  
ANYTHING  
I CAN DO  
FOR YOU?

YEAH! WE'RE LOOKIN'  
FER A GIRL ABOUT  
EIGHTEEN YEARS  
OLD—NICE LOOKIN',  
ABOUT FIVE FEET  
SIX! HAVE YOU  
SEEN HER?



NO, I HAVEN'T!  
WHY, DID  
SHE GET  
LOST IN  
THE  
WOODS?

NOPE—SHE RAN  
AWAY FROM HOME!  
NO GOOD REASON  
FOR IT, THOUGH!  
SHE'LL PROBABLY  
TELL SOME WILD  
YARN TO GET  
SYMPATHY!



I'M AFRAID I CAN'T HELP  
YOU, GENTLEMEN! I'M SURE  
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR  
DAUGHTER—AND IF I HAD,  
I'M NOT SO SURE THAT I'D  
TELL YOU, ANYHOW!

WHAT'S A  
MATTER—YOU A  
WISE GUY OR  
SOMETHIN'?

HEY,  
LOOK,  
POP!



FOOTPRINTS—HIGH HEELS, TOO,  
AN' FRESH ONES! THIS GUY  
IS LYIN'! I'LL BET A SAWBUCK  
THAT HE'S GOT HER  
HID INSIDE!



SEARCH  
THE HOUSE  
FOR HER,  
BERT!

HOLD ON! NO  
ONE GOES INSIDE  
MY PLACE, WITH-  
OUT MY  
PERMISSION!

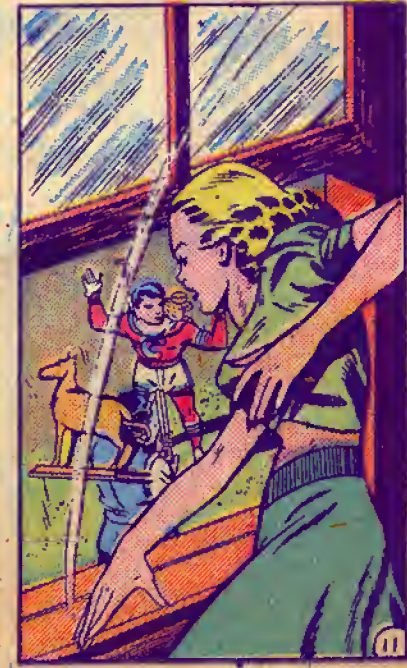
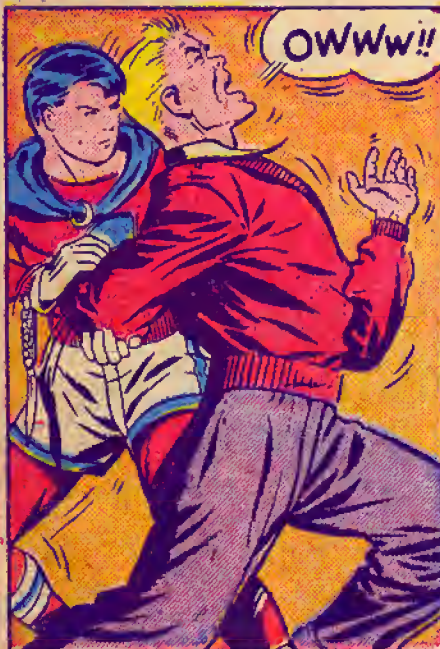
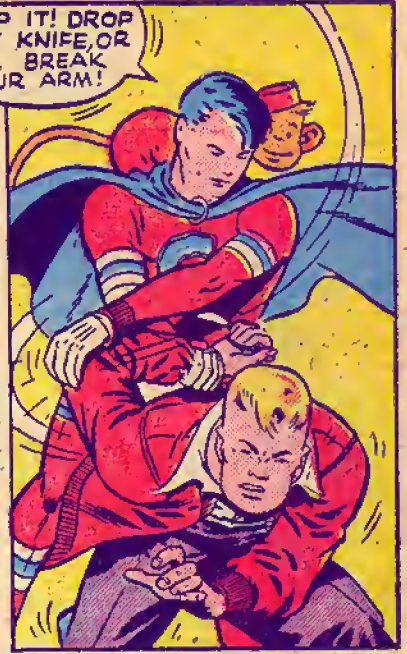
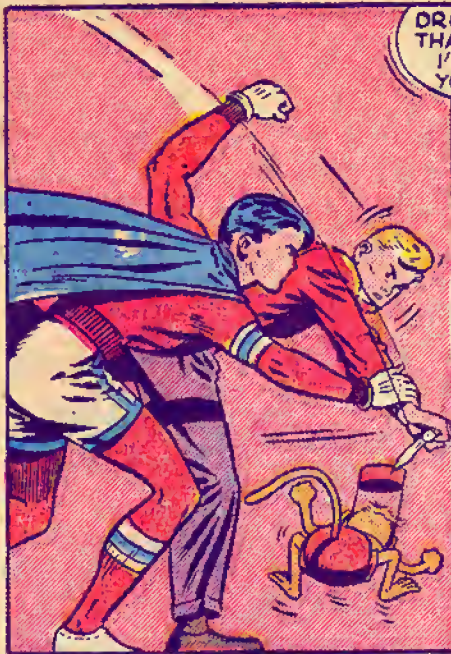
GET A  
LOAD OF  
THIS GUY,  
POP! HA, HA,  
HA!



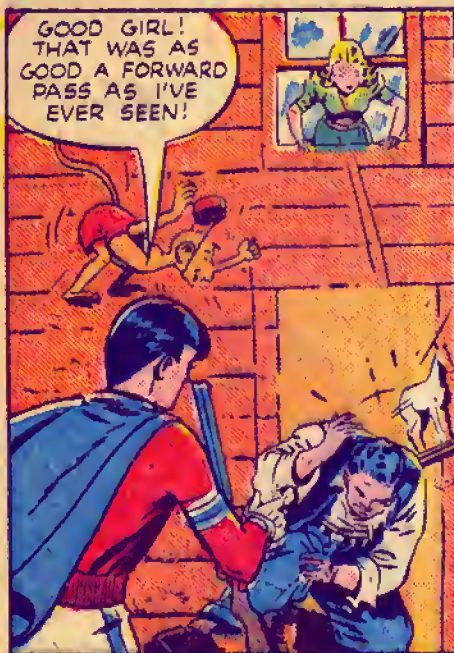
WHO'S  
STOPPIN'  
WHO? ONE  
SIDE, YA  
LOLLYPOP!

YOU SURE ARE A  
BAD BUNCH! OF  
COURSE, YOU KNOW  
THAT YOU'RE  
COMMITTING A  
CRIMINAL ACT—  
UNLAWFUL ENTRY  
IS PRETTY  
SERIOUS!









GOOD GIRL! THAT WAS AS GOOD A FORWARD PASS AS I'VE EVER SEEN!



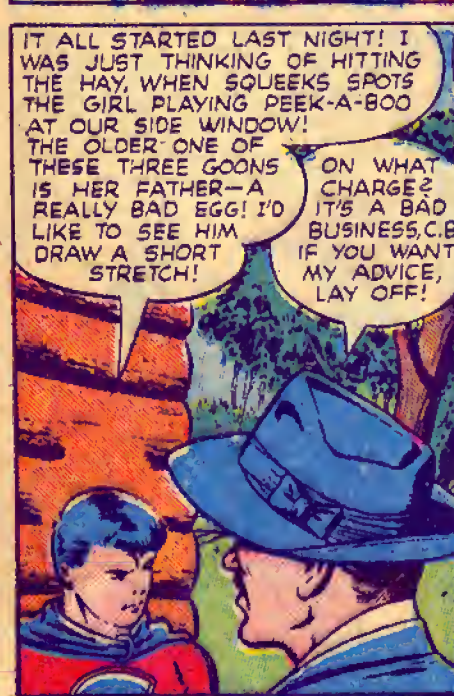
MY FATHER WILL KILL ME WHEN HE COMES TO! I'VE GOT TO KEEP GOING—I'LL GO TO SOME OTHER STATE, I'LL GET A JOB—I'LL NEVER LET HIM FIND ME!

HE WON'T BE ABLE TO HARM YOU, IF YOU'RE WILLING TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST HIM! ANYWAY, IF YOU DON'T, I WILL—YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET YOURSELF SETTLED, WHILE HE'S COOLING OFF IN THE CLINK!



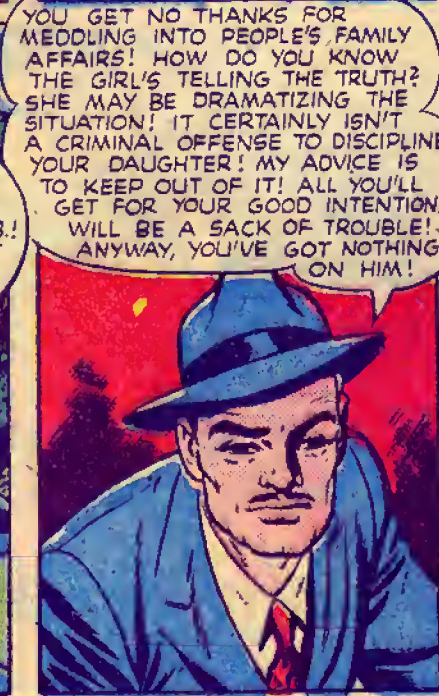
C.B.! WHERE ARE YOU? HEY, C.B.! HOLY SMOKE—WHAT GOES ON HERE? OH, THERE YOU ARE! HEY, WHAT'S ALL THIS?

HIYA, LOOVER! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!

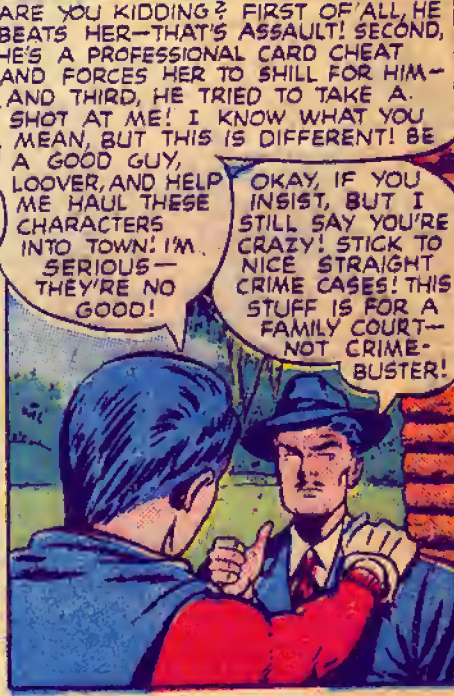


IT ALL STARTED LAST NIGHT! I WAS JUST THINKING OF HITTING THE HAY, WHEN SQUEEKS SPOTS THE GIRL PLAYING PEEK-A-BOO AT OUR SIDE WINDOW! THE OLDER ONE OF THESE THREE GOONS IS HER FATHER—A REALLY BAD EGG! I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM DRAW A SHORT STRETCH!

ON WHAT CHARGE? IT'S A BAD BUSINESS, C.B.! IF YOU WANT MY ADVICE, LAY OFF!



YOU GET NO THANKS FOR MEDDLING INTO PEOPLE'S FAMILY AFFAIRS! HOW DO YOU KNOW THE GIRL'S TELLING THE TRUTH? SHE MAY BE DRAMATIZING THE SITUATION! IT CERTAINLY ISN'T A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO DISCIPLINE YOUR DAUGHTER! MY ADVICE IS TO KEEP OUT OF IT! ALL YOU'LL GET FOR YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS WILL BE A SACK OF TROUBLE! ANYWAY, YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON HIM!



ARE YOU KIDDING? FIRST OF ALL, HE BEATS HER—THAT'S ASSAULT! SECOND, HE'S A PROFESSIONAL CARD CHEAT AND FORCES HER TO SHILL FOR HIM—AND THIRD, HE TRIED TO TAKE A SHOT AT ME! I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT! BE A GOOD GUY, LOOVER, AND HELP ME HAUL THESE CHARACTERS INTO TOWN! I'M SERIOUS—THEY'RE NO GOOD!

OKAY, IF YOU INSIST, BUT I STILL SAY YOU'RE CRAZY! STICK TO NICE STRAIGHT CRIME CASES! THIS STUFF IS FOR A FAMILY COURT—NOT CRIME-BUSTER!



JOYCE, THIS IS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LOOVER! HE'S A FRIEND OF MINE!

WHY, YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A GIRL WHO'S HAD TOO HARD A TIME OF IT—SPARKLERS AND ALL!

HOW DO YOU DO?



I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE MEANS! I'VE TOLD YOU—ALL I WANT TO DO, IS GO! I DON'T CARE WHERE!

MR. LOOVER WAS REFERRING TO YOUR HAT PIN! I GUESS HE THINKS IT'S REAL, WHICH OF COURSE, IT ISN'T! AM I RIGHT?

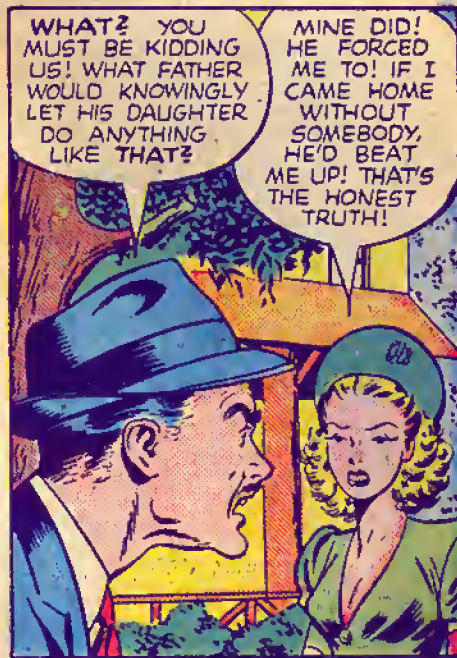


IT'S MARKED PIFFANY'S—HEY, THEY MUST BE REAL DIAMONDS! THEY'RE BIG ONES, TOO! HOW COME YOU ACCEPTED A GIFT LIKE THIS, IF YOU DON'T LIKE GEORGE?

ARE THEY REAL? HONEST? GEORGE SAID THEY WERE, BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS JOKING!

JUST WHERE DID YOU MEET THIS GEORGE?









A NUMBER OF TRAVELING SALESMEN HAVE DISAPPEARED, WHILE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO! WE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THIS TRANSFER JUNCTION AS BEING THE KEY SPOT—BUT IT COULD VERY WELL BE!

C.B., I HAVE A STRONG HUNCH WE'RE GOING TO STUMBLE ONTO SOMETHING!



HE ALWAYS GOT ROARING MAD IF I SNOOPED AROUND! HE ESPECIALLY KEPT ME AWAY FROM HIS WORKSHOP DOWN IN THE CELLAR!

THAT'S A GOOD LEAD! TAKE ME TO IT!



WOW! HEY, LOOVER! COME DOWN HERE! WE'VE HIT THE JACKPOT!



THIS IS IT, C.B.! WHEW! I RECOGNIZE AT LEAST TEN OF THESE NAMES FROM THE MISSING PERSONS LIST! THESE OTHERS MAY BE UNREPORTED CASES!

I DON'T LIKE TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS, BUT IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT THESE POOR DUPES WERE MURDERED! WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY DID WITH THEIR BODIES?



I DON'T KNOW, C.B., BUT IF WE HAVE TO TEAR THIS HOUSE DOWN, BOARD BY BOARD, WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT!



WE'VE BEEN AT THIS ALL DAY! WHY DON'T WE GIVE UP? MAYBE THEY WEIGHTED THEIR BODIES AND DUMPED 'EM IN THE LAKE!

OR MAYBE THEY BURNED THE BODIES!



MAYBE THE MEN ARE RIGHT! THEY'RE ALL PLAYED OUT! THEY'VE DUG UP THE WHOLE YARD! LET'S START AGAIN EARLY TOMORROW!

THE GIRL SAID SHE NEVER HEARD ANYONE LEAVE! THAT MEANS THEY DIDN'T DRIVE AWAY—AND THEY COULDN'T HAVE CARRIED THE BODIES THROUGH THE STREETS, WITHOUT BEING SEEN!

SQUEEK! SQUEEK!



OH, SHUT UP, SQUEEKS! CAN'T YOU SEE WE'RE BUSY?

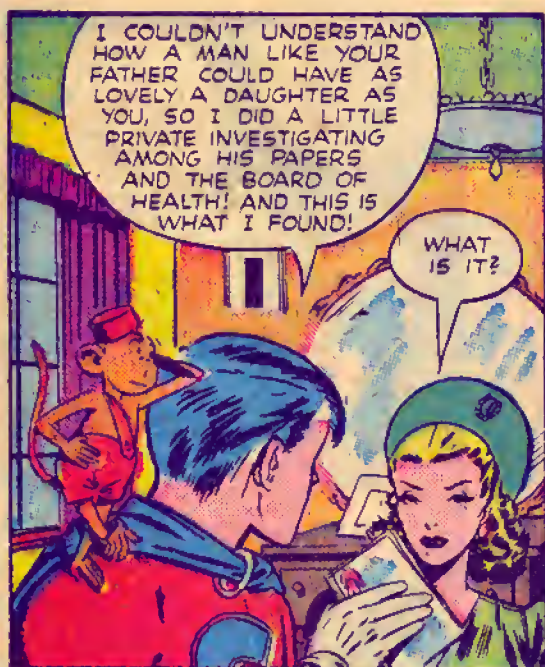
HOLD ON A MINUTE! MAYBE SQUEEKS HAS SOMETHING THERE! THAT ROCK IS THE ONLY THING WE HAVEN'T TOUCHED YET—THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW ANYONE COULD BUDGE IT!

SQUEEK! SQUEEK!



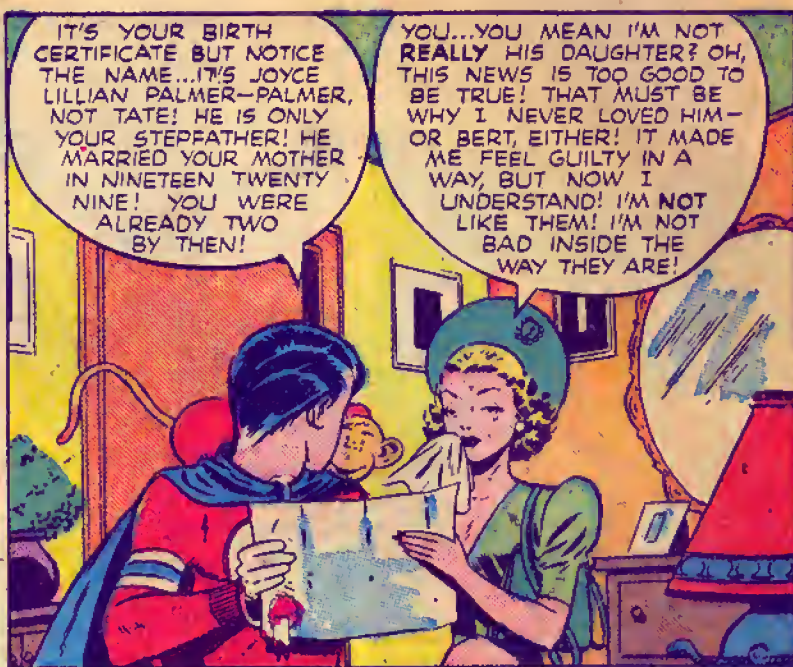






I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW A MAN LIKE YOUR FATHER COULD HAVE AS LOVELY A DAUGHTER AS YOU, SO I DID A LITTLE PRIVATE INVESTIGATING AMONG HIS PAPERS AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH! AND THIS IS WHAT I FOUND!

WHAT IS IT?



IT'S YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE BUT NOTICE THE NAME...IT'S JOYCE LILLIAN PALMER-PALMER, NOT TATE! HE IS ONLY YOUR STEPFATHER! HE MARRIED YOUR MOTHER IN NINETEEN TWENTY NINE! YOU WERE ALREADY TWO BY THEN!

YOU...YOU MEAN I'M NOT REALLY HIS DAUGHTER? OH, THIS NEWS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! THAT MUST BE WHY I NEVER LOVED HIM—OR BERT, EITHER! IT MADE ME FEEL GUILTY IN A WAY, BUT NOW I UNDERSTAND! I'M NOT LIKE THEM! I'M NOT BAD INSIDE THE WAY THEY ARE!



AFTER YOUR TESTIMONY IN COURT, YOU'LL BE AS FREE AS THE WIND! YOU CAN BEGIN TRYING TO FORGET THIS NIGHTMARE, RIGHT NOW! LOOVER HAS ARRANGED TO GET YOU A JOB IN TOWN, AS A WAITRESS IN A RESTAURANT! DO YOU THINK YOU'LL LIKE IT?

WILL I?  
OH, CRIMEBUSTER, HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU!

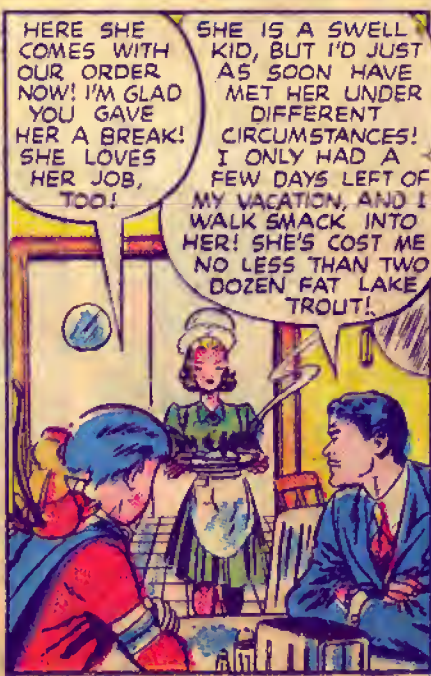


JOHN TATE AND ALBERT TATE, YOU HAVE BEEN INDICTED BY THE GRAND JURY FOR THE MURDER OF FIFTEEN PERSONS! IN VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE OF YOUR GUILT, I AM HOLDING YOU WITHOUT BAIL, UNTIL YOUR TRIALS NEXT WEEK!

THEY'RE AS GOOD AS IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR, RIGHT NOW! THE BEST DEFENSE LAWYER IN THE WORLD COULDN'T SAVE THEM!



AS FOR YOU, GEORGE KENT, YOU'VE COMMITTED NO SPECIFIC CRIME, ALTHOUGH YOU HAD HOPED TO VIRTUALLY "BUY" YOURSELF A WIFE, WITHOUT HER CONSENT! I'M GIVING YOU TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO GET OUT OF THIS STATE—AND DON'T EVER COME BACK!



HERE SHE COMES WITH OUR ORDER NOW! I'M GLAD YOU GAVE HER A BREAK! SHE LOVES HER JOB, TOO!

SHE IS A SWELL KID, BUT I'D JUST AS SOON HAVE MET HER UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES! I ONLY HAD A FEW DAYS LEFT OF MY VACATION, AND I WALK SMACK INTO HER! SHE'S COST ME NO LESS THAN TWO DOZEN FAT LAKE TROUT!



FISH! BUT I ORDERED LAMB CHOPS!

COME NOW, LOOVER, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS TASTE THE TROUT I CAUGHT WHILE YOU WERE AWAY! I KEPT 'EM IN A DEEP FREEZE, ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! THEY WERE BITING LIKE MAD THE DAY YOU LEFT! EVEN SQUEEKS CAUGHT ONE BARE HANDED!

the end



# Famous ECCENTRICS



A CERTAIN YOGI, HARIDAS, DEMONSTRATED THE POSSIBILITY OF RISING FROM THE GRAVE AFTER BEING BURIED FOR 40 DAYS! IN A PERFORMANCE BEFORE THE MAHARAJA OF LAHORE IN 1837, HARIDAS WAS BURIED IN A GRAVE, AND WAS NOT DUG UP FOR 40 DAYS! WHEN HE WAS UNCOVERED, HE WAS A LITTLE THINNER, PLENTY DIRTY, BUT PLENTY ALIVE, TOO!



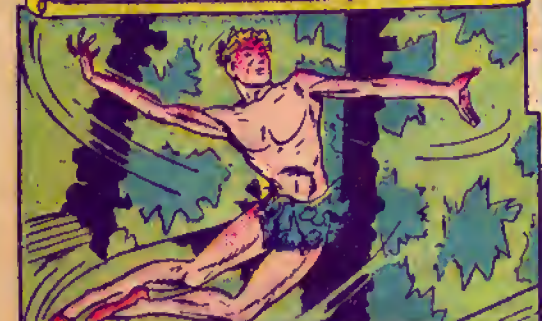
LEUBEN, A NOTORIOUS GERMAN LUNATIC, BET THAT HE COULD SHUFFLE A DECK OF CARDS INTO A CERTAIN SUCCESSION OF THE FIFTY-TWO CARDS! HE TURNED THE CARDS TEN HOURS A DAY FOR TWENTY YEARS, EXACTLY 4,246,028 TIMES, BEFORE THE CARDS FINALLY CAME OUT IN THE ORIGINAL ORDER AND LEUBEN COULD ANNOUNCE THAT HE'D WON HIS BET!



"HOLD 'EM" JOE POWERS OF CHICAGO, A FLAGPOLE SITTER, STAYED ON TOP OF THE MORRISON HOTEL FLAGPOLE, 637 FEET ABOVE THE STREET, FOR A RECORD, 16 DAYS 2 HOURS AND 35 MINUTES. WHEN HE CAME DOWN, SIX TEETH WERE MISSING, HIS FACE WAS BLACK, AND HE COULD SCARCELY STAND UP! BUT HE WAS KING OF THAT PECULIAR TRIBE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HAPPIEST WHEN CLINGING TO THE TOOTH-PICK TOPS OF BUILDINGS!



BECAUSE HER RELATIVES WERE DISCOURTEOUS TO HER MANY PET CATS AND LAUGHED AT HER ECCENTRICITY FOR KEEPING THEM, MRS. MATHILDE KOVACS OF VIENNA CONVERTED HER IMMENSE FORTUNE INTO PAPER MONEY, 500,000,000 KRONEN WORTH...AND THE DAY BEFORE SHE DIED, IN MARCH, 1917, BURNED EVERY LAST BILL IN HER FIREPLACE, TO SPITE HER HEIRS!



VASLOV NIJINSKY, ONCE CALLED THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD, WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST GENIUSES BALLET HAS EVER KNOWN. BUT HIS MIND BECAME TWISTED BY HIS FAME! HE IMAGINED ALL SORTS OF PLOTS AGAINST HIS LIFE, AND WENT ABOUT THE STAGE AT NIGHT WITH A FLASHLIGHT TO EXAMINE THE FLOOR, CONVINCED THAT NAILS WERE BEING PLACED THERE TO RUIN HIS FEET! HE SOON WENT COMPLETELY MAD, AND THE WORLD LOST ONE OF ITS GREATEST DANCERS!



JAN ZIZKA, (1376-1424) HUNGARIAN GENERAL HATED THE MORAVIANS SO MUCH THAT HE COMMANDED THAT ON HIS DEATH, HIS SKIN BE MADE INTO A DRUM, SO THAT HE MIGHT STILL LEAD HIS BOHEMIAN COMRADES INTO BATTLE. THIS WAS DONE AND JAN ZIZKA BECAME A DRUM! BUT THE IRONY OF THIS STORY LAY IN THE CAPTURE OF ZIZKA'S DRUM BY THE MORAVIANS, WHO USED IT TO LEAD THEIR ARMY TO VICTORY AGAINST ZIZKA'S COUNTRYMEN!



# NOW

# HISTORY REPEATS!



Don't See How  
The Editors

**OF COURSE,  
WE REFER**

to **CRIME**  
**DOES NOT PAY!**

COMICS

# WHAT A CRIME

**DO NOT  
PAY**  
COMICS

**DOESN'T  
PAY  
ENOUGH!**

NEVER WINS!  
COMICS

comics

WILL  
NOT  
PAY

BLUE  
CRIME  
Comics

COMICS

**W**E'RE NOT KIDDING WHEN WE SAY, "C'MON, IMITATORS", AS LONG AS YOU STAY SECOND BEST, WHICH IS AS THINGS ARE, ACCORDING TO THE COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF LETTERS WE'VE RECEIVED—WE REPEAT, **PUHLEEZE**, DON'T CONFUSE **CRIME DOES NOT PAY** WITH ANY OTHER MAGAZINE—ANYWAY, WE DON'T SEE HOW YOU COULD!



# CRIMEBUSTER

story by  
**CHARLES BIRO**

**I**F YOU HAVE AMBITION IN ITS RIGHT FORM, YOU OWN THE KEY TO SUCCESS! THE DESTINATION OF ONE'S AMBITION IS THE IMPORTANT FACTOR. THE RIGHT DESTINATION IS THE KEY THAT WILL UNLOCK THE DOORS TO REAL HAPPINESS. AMBITION TO POSSESS GREAT WEALTH IS NOT A WORTHWHILE GOAL, IN ITSELF! WITH THAT ACCOMPLISHED, ONE HAS ONLY PARTLY ARRIVED AT TRUE SUCCESS! THE AMBITION TO DO GOOD WITH THAT WEALTH, IS THE RIGHT KIND OF AMBITION! A PERSON WHOSE AMBITION IS TO HELP MAKE THIS A BETTER WORLD TO LIVE IN FOR ALL MANKIND, WITH HOWEVER MUCH OR LITTLE THAT HE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS END, WILL BE TRULY SUCCESSFUL! HIS AMBITION WILL BE REALIZED!

THIS IS A PORTRAIT OF BABS DALEY, A GIRL WHO HAD AMBITION, BUT NO DESTINATION! SHE TRAVELED THE ROAD RECKLESSLY, VIOLATING ALL TRAFFIC LAWS! SHE ONLY PARTLY ARRIVED!

*Charles Biro*

*DRAWN by Dan Barry*



BABS'LL BE RIGHT ALONG! SHE'S IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE! INCIDENTALLY, WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANNA DO?

OH, WE DON'T CARE! TELL ME, HERB, HOW'D A BIG GOOK LIKE YOU, EVER RATE A CHICK AS KEEN AS BABS, FOR A STEADY DATE? SHE'S A KNOCK-OUT!

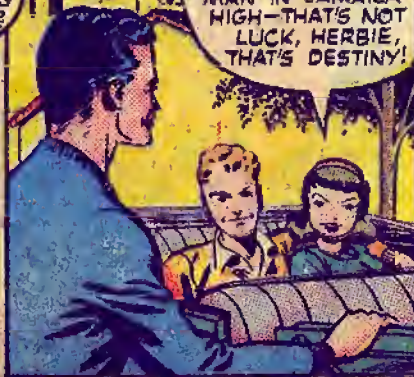
OH, SHE'S ALL RIGHT, BUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH HERBIE?

ALL RIGHT? WHY SHE'S SUPER-COLOSSAL! NAME ONE GUY WHO ISN'T NUTS ABOUT HER! I GUESS I'M JUST PLAIN LUCKY, BARNEY!

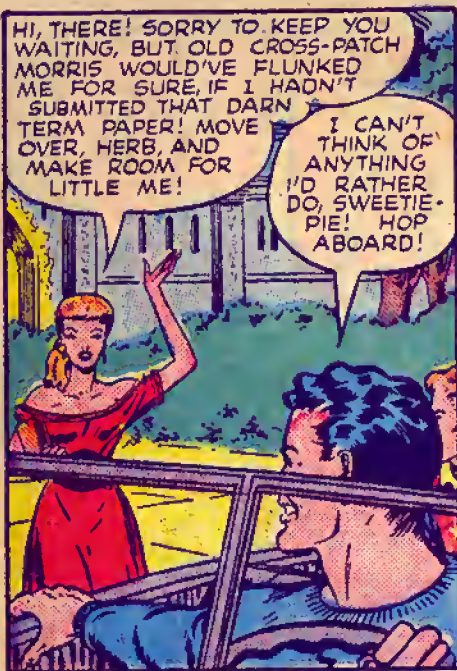
HUH? LUCKY, MY EYE! WHY PRACTICALLY EVERY GIRL IN SCHOOL IS JUST DYING TO BE YOUR DATE! BESIDES BEING CAPTAIN OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM AND CLASS PRESIDENT, YOU'RE THE MOST POPULAR MAN IN JAMAICA HIGH—THAT'S NOT LUCK, HERBIE, THAT'S DESTINY!

THAT'S FINE, RIGHT NOW, BUT WHAT WHEN HERB GRADUATES? WILL BABS STILL THINK OF HERB AS A FOOTBALL HERO? THIS RAH-RAH STUFF IS OKAY IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTERWARDS?

DON'T BE A DOPE! A BIG SWEET GUY LIKE HERB WILL ALWAYS RATE! HERE COMES BABS NOW!

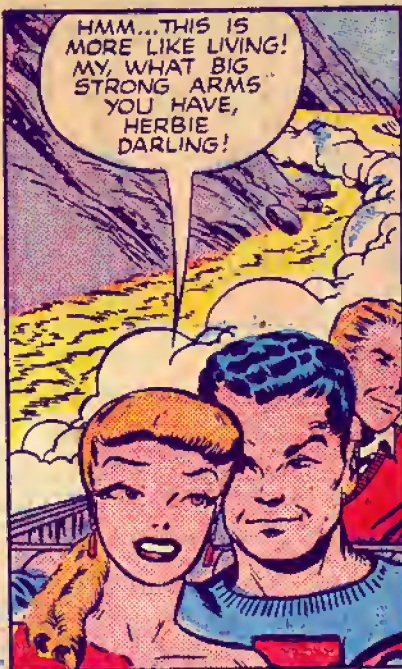




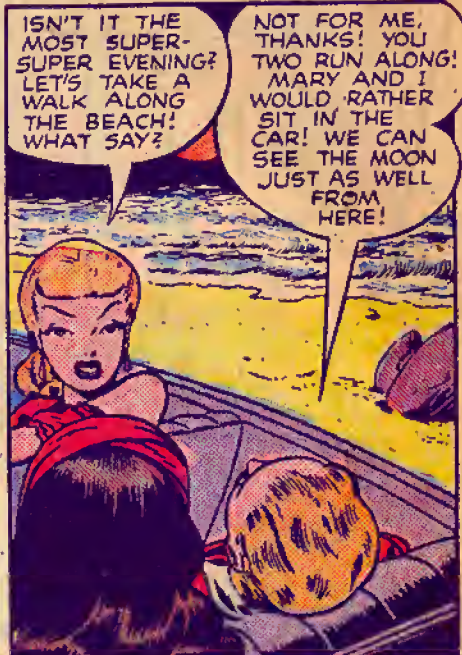


HI, THERE! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, BUT OLD CROSS-PATCH MORRIS WOULD'VE FLUNKED ME FOR SURE, IF I HADN'T SUBMITTED THAT DARN TERM PAPER! MOVE OVER, HERB, AND MAKE ROOM FOR LITTLE ME!

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING I'D RATHER DO, SWEETIE-PIE! HOP ABOARD!



HMM...THIS IS MORE LIKE LIVING! MY, WHAT BIG STRONG ARMS YOU HAVE, HERBIE DARLING!



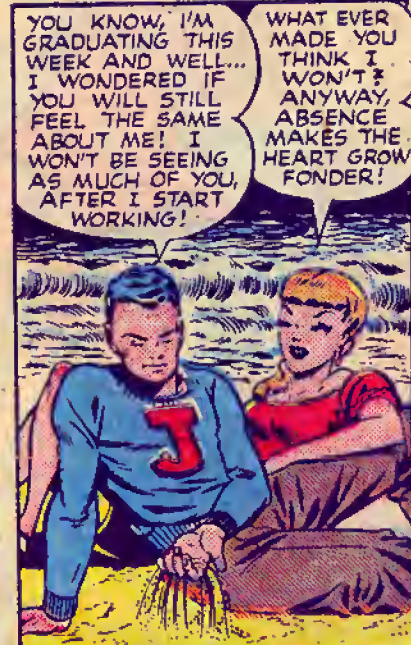
ISN'T IT THE MOST SUPER-SUPER EVENING? LET'S TAKE A WALK ALONG THE BEACH! WHAT SAY?

NOT FOR ME, THANKS! YOU TWO RUN ALONG! MARY AND I WOULD RATHER SIT IN THE CAR! WE CAN SEE THE MOON JUST AS WELL FROM HERE!



GOODNESS, HERB, WHAT ARE YOU SO SERIOUS ABOUT? YOU HAVEN'T SAID A WORD SINCE WE LEFT THE CAR-AND YOU'RE NOT THE SILENT TYPE!

HUH? OH, I'VE JUST BEEN THINKING! WHAT DO YOU SAY WE SIT DOWN HERE AND TALK A WHILE!



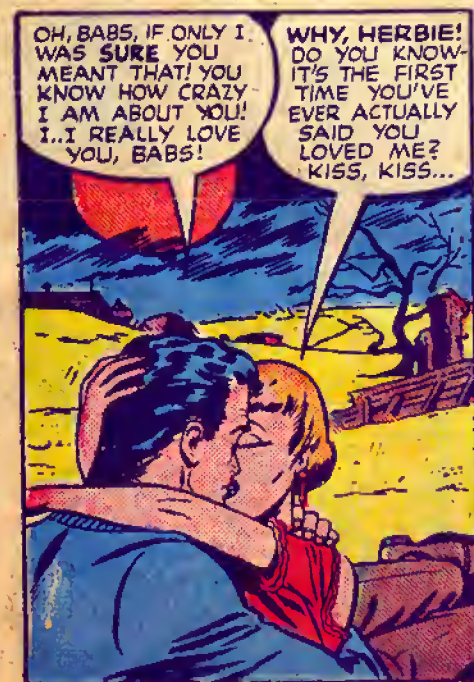
YOU KNOW, I'M GRADUATING THIS WEEK AND WELL... I WONDERED IF YOU WILL STILL FEEL THE SAME ABOUT ME! I WON'T BE SEEING AS MUCH OF YOU, AFTER I START WORKING!

WHAT EVER MADE YOU THINK I WON'T? ANYWAY, ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER!



SOMETIMES FOR SOMEBODY ELSE! THERE'S AN AWFUL LOTTA VULTURES JUST WAITING FOR ME TO CLEAR OUT! AW, I DUNNO-IT'S JUST THAT AFTER I LEAVE SCHOOL, I WON'T BE GETTING MY NAME IN THE LOCAL PAPERS LIKE I HAVE BEEN!

WHY, YOU BIG SILLY--AS IF THAT MATTERED!



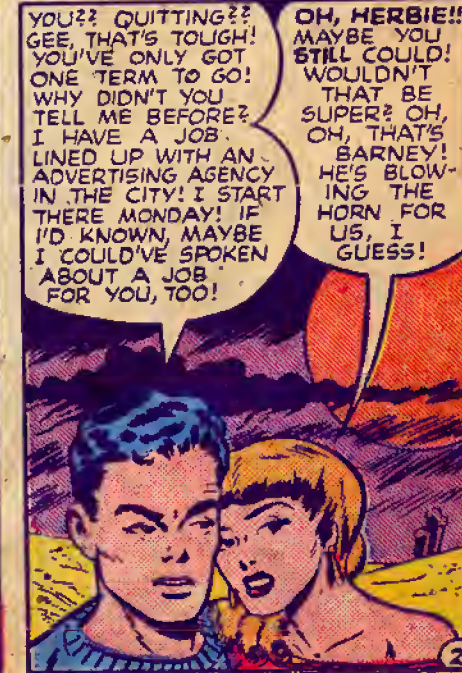
OH, BABS, IF ONLY I WAS SURE YOU MEANT THAT! YOU KNOW HOW CRAZY I AM ABOUT YOU! I...I REALLY LOVE YOU, BABS!

WHY, HERBIE! DO YOU KNOW-IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER ACTUALLY SAID YOU LOVED ME? KISS, KISS...



I'VE WANTED TO TELL YOU FOR A LONG TIME, BUT I COULDN'T THINK HOW TO SAY IT! LOOK, BABS, WHY COULDN'T WE GET ENGAGED? THEN, NEXT YEAR, WHEN YOU GRADUATE, MAYBE I'LL HAVE SAVED UP ENOUGH MONEY TO GET MARRIED ON!

OH, HERB, LET'S NOT PLAN SO FAR AHEAD! IN THE FIRST PLACE, I'M LEAVING SCHOOL THIS TERM! I JUST HAVE TO GET A JOB! MOM, HASN'T BEEN WELL!



YOU?? QUITTING?? GEE, THAT'S TOUGH! YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE TERM TO GO! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME BEFORE? I HAVE A JOB LINED UP WITH AN ADVERTISING AGENCY IN THE CITY! I START THERE MONDAY! IF I'D KNOWN, MAYBE I COULD'VE SPOKEN ABOUT A JOB FOR YOU, TOO!

OH, HERBIE!! MAYBE YOU STILL COULD! WOULDN'T THAT BE SUPER? OH, OH, THAT'S BARNEY! HE'S BLOWING THE HORN FOR US, I GUESS!





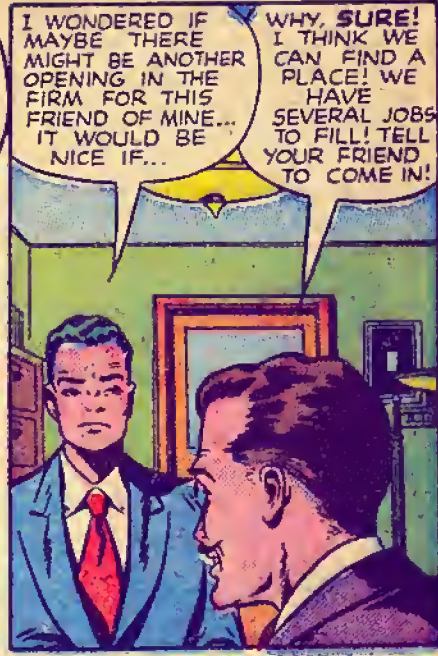
WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED TO SEE MR. HARPER ABOUT, HERBIE?

OH, IT'S A PRIVATE MATTER! I WON'T TAKE MUCH OF HIS TIME!



HELLO THERE, HERBIE! HOW ARE YOU GETTING ALONG ON YOUR FIRST JOB? HOW DO YOU LIKE ADVERTISING?

OH, SWELL! IT'S JUST FINE! I DIDN'T COME IN TO SEE YOU ABOUT MYSELF! ER...IT'S...ABOUT A FRIEND!



I WONDERED IF MAYBE THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER OPENING IN THE FIRM FOR THIS FRIEND OF MINE... IT WOULD BE NICE IF...

WHY, SURE! I THINK WE CAN FIND A PLACE! WE HAVE SEVERAL JOBS TO FILL! TELL YOUR FRIEND TO COME IN!



IT'S ALL SET! I TALKED TO MR. HARPER ABOUT A JOB, AND HE SAID FOR YOU TO DROP IN AND SEE HIM!

OH, HERBIE! YOU'RE WONDERFUL! HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU! I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU!



I'M DOING MYSELF A FAVOR! I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU—IT'LL BE SWELL! WE CAN HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER AN' STUFF! BOY, WHAT A BREAK FOR ME!

WON'T IT BE FUN! WILL IT BE ALL RIGHT TO SEE HIM TOMORROW?



WHY NO, I DON'T EXACTLY HAVE AN APPOINTMENT, BUT MR. HARPER SAID I COULD COME IN ABOUT A POSITION!

WELL, HE ISN'T VERY BUSY RIGHT NOW, SO I GUESS YOU CAN GO RIGHT IN, MISS DALEY!



GOOD MORNING, MR. HARPER! MY NAME IS BARBARA DALEY! WHEN DO YOU WANT ME TO START WORKING? I CAN'T TAKE SHORTHAND, BUT I CAN TYPE A LITTLE!

BARBARA DALEY?? A JOB?? WHAT JOB?? WHAT? EXPERIENCE? OH, NONSENSE, THAT DOESN'T MATTER! WITH YOUR LOOKS, YOU'LL DO FINE! SURE! I HAVE JUST THE JOB FOR YOU!



MISS PALMER, GET A COUPLE OF THE MEN TO MOVE A DESK INTO THE OUTER FOYER! I'VE JUST HIRED MISS DALEY! SHE'LL BE OUR NEW RECEPTIONIST! CAN YOU START RIGHT AWAY, MISS DALEY?

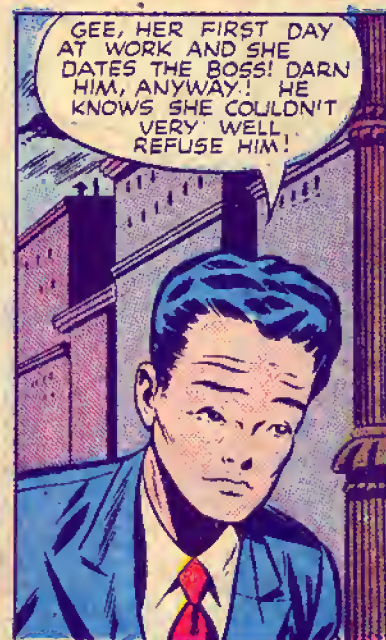
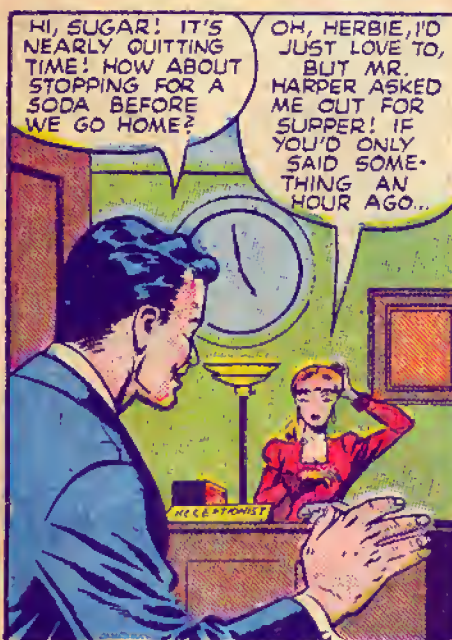
THIS VERY INSTANT, MR. HARPER... AND THANK YOU SO MUCH!



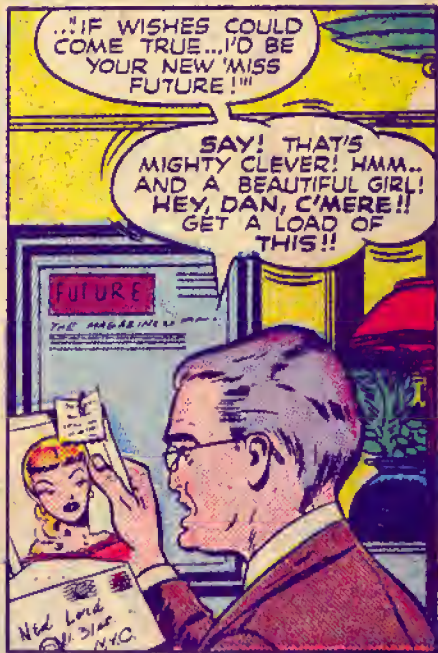
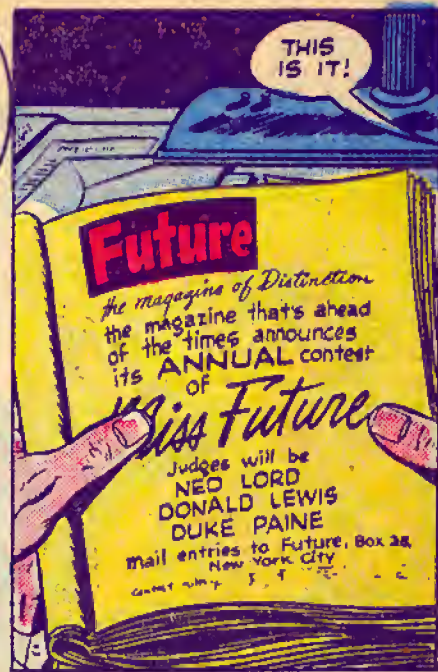
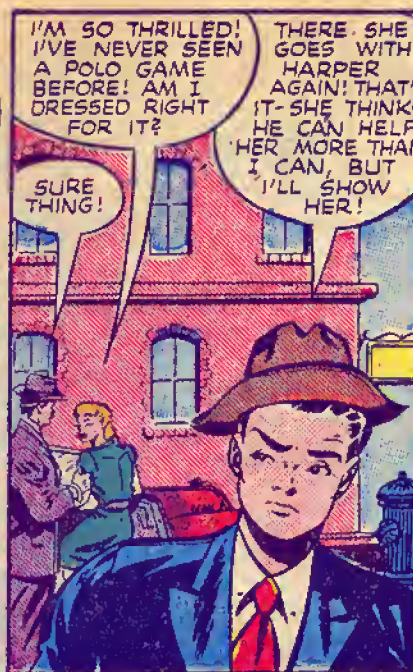
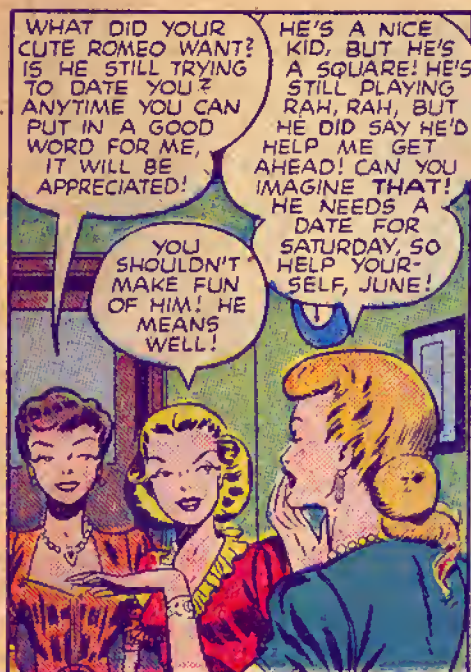
HELLO, MR. HARPER! BABS! GOSH! ARE YOU OUR NEW RECEPTIONIST? JEEPERS! GEE, MR. HARPER, IT'S SWELL OF YOU TO GIVE BABS...I MEAN MISS DALEY, THE JOB! I SURE DO APPRECIATE IT!

HUH?

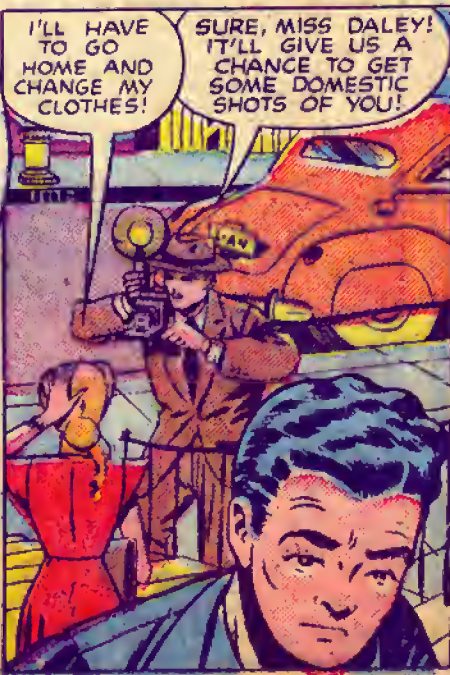
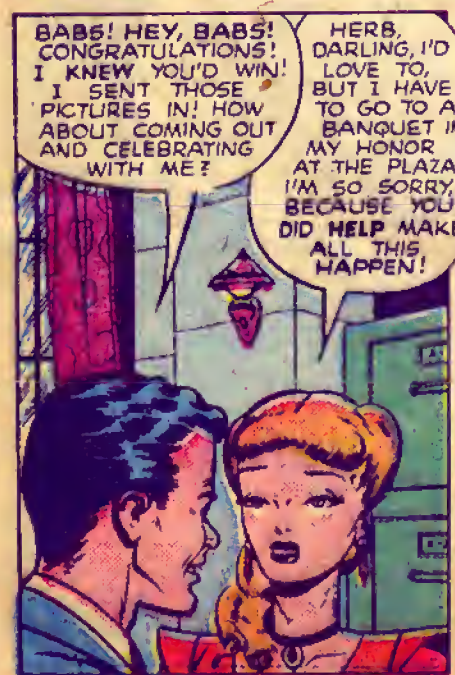
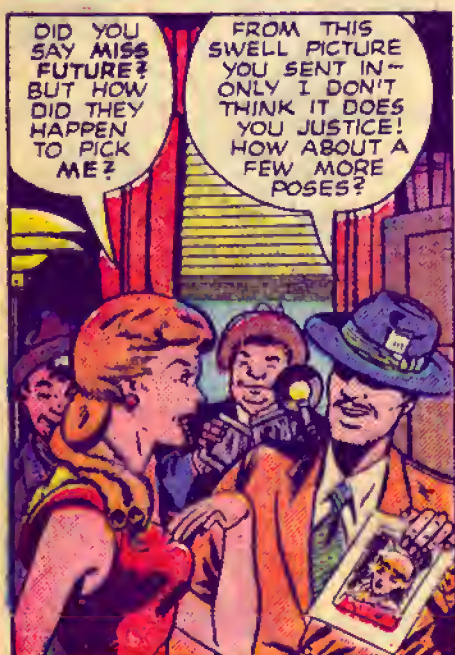
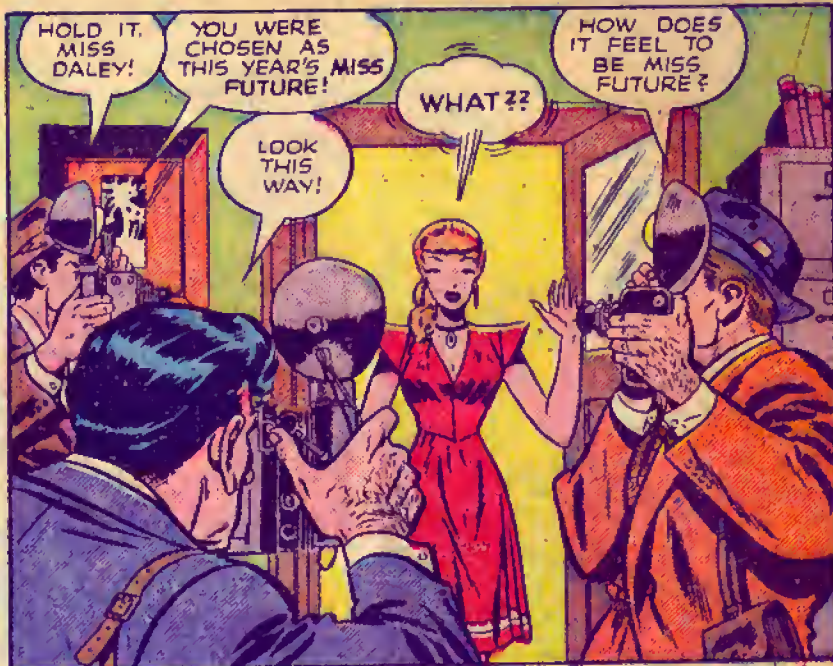




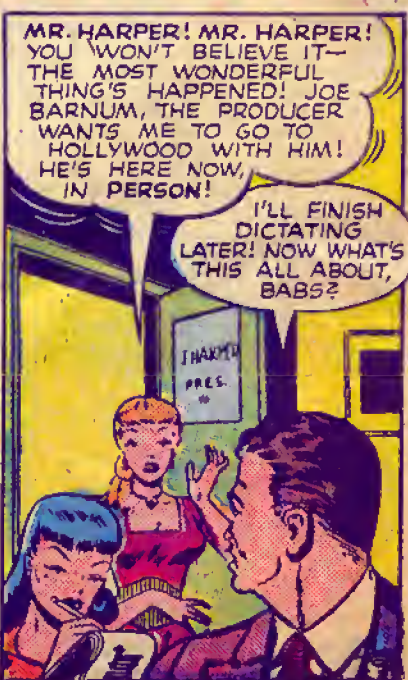
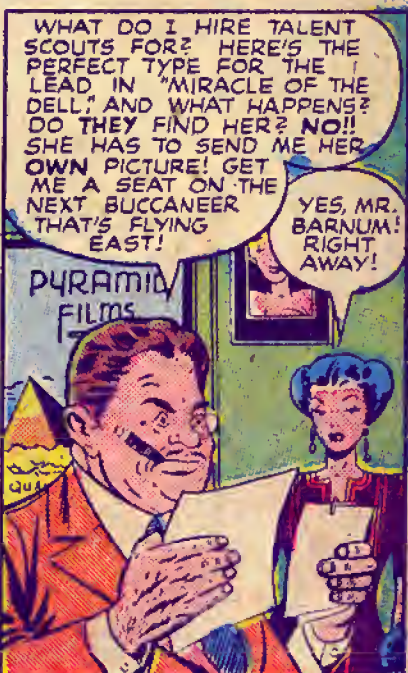
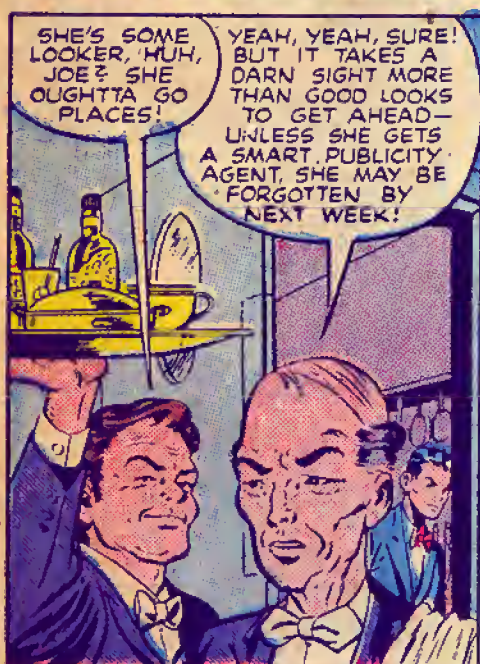
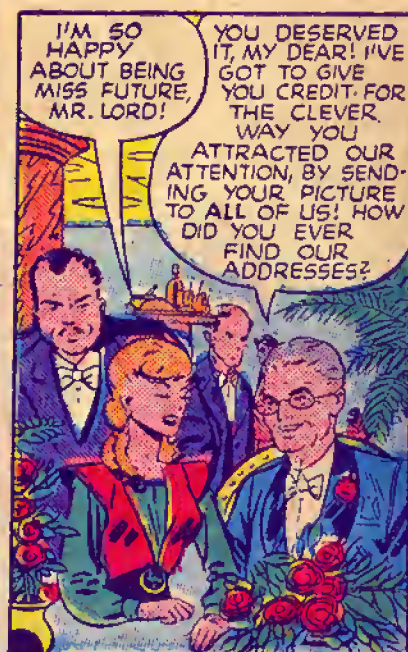
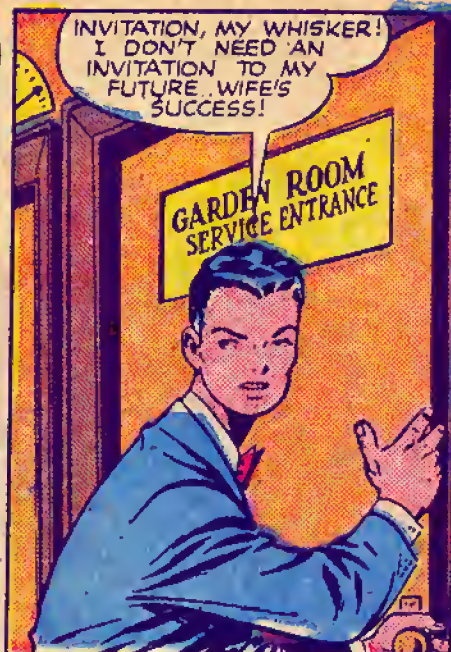
















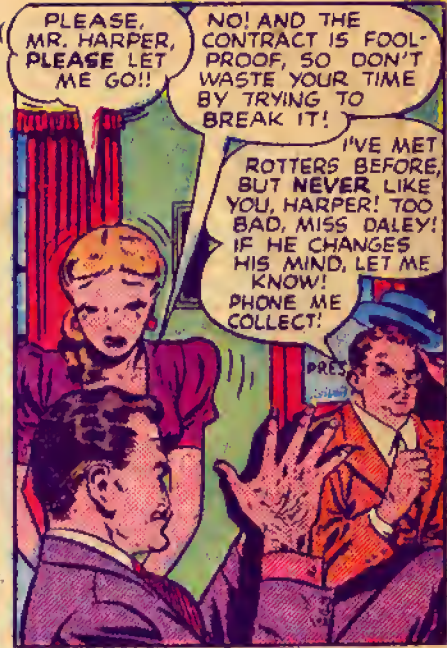
WELL, WELL, SO HE WANTS YOU TO BE A STAR! IT'S TOO BAD, BABS, BUT YOU CAN'T DO IT! YOU HAVE A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH ME, REMEMBER?

WHAT?? YOU MEAN YOU'D HOLD ME TO THAT CONTRACT? I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WAIT—I'LL CALL IN MR. BARNUM! HE'LL MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND!



NOW LET'S STOP THIS NONSENSE, MR. HARPER! BE REASONABLE! YOU CAN'T STAND IN THE WAY OF THIS GIRL'S CAREER! I'LL BUY UP HER CONTRACT! I'LL GIVE YOU TWENTY...NO...THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR IT! I NEED HER FOR THIS PART!

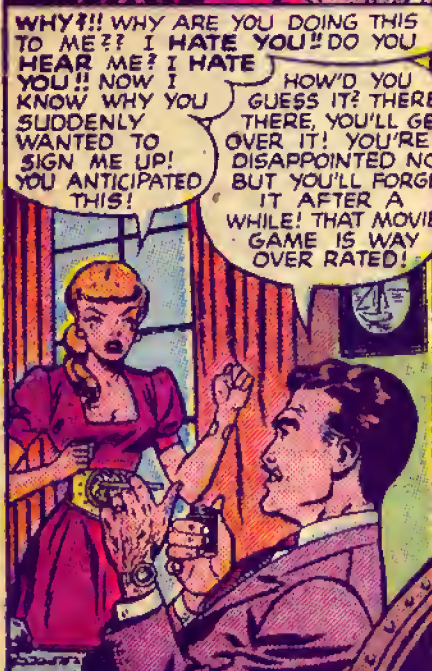
SORRY! I DIDN'T PUT HER UNDER CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL GAIN! I DID IT BECAUSE I WANT HER HERE!



PLEASE, MR. HARPER, PLEASE LET ME GO!!

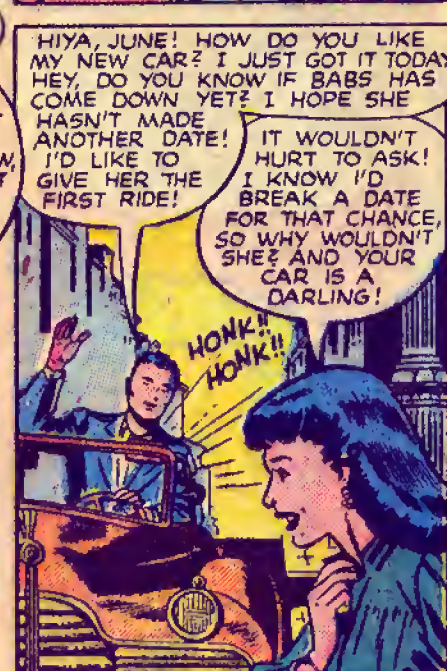
NO! AND THE CONTRACT IS FOOL-PROOF, SO DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME BY TRYING TO BREAK IT!

I'VE MET ROTTERS BEFORE, BUT NEVER LIKE YOU, HARPER! TOO BAD, MISS DALEY! IF HE CHANGES HIS MIND, LET ME KNOW! PHONE ME COLLECT!



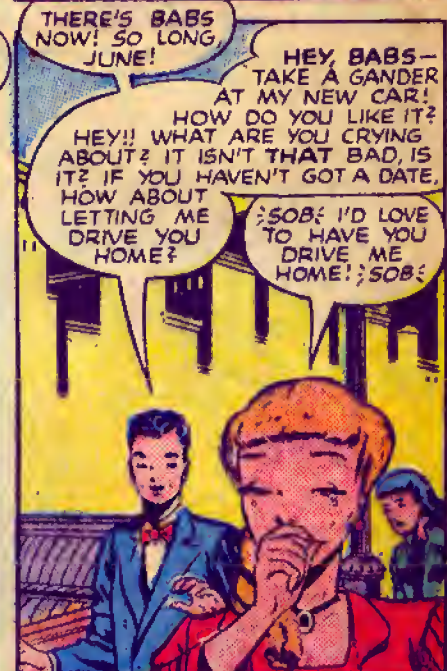
WHY?? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?? I HATE YOU!! DO YOU HEAR ME? I HATE YOU!! NOW I KNOW WHY YOU SUDDENLY WANTED TO SIGN ME UP! YOU ANTICIPATED THIS!

HOW'D YOU GUESS IT? THERE, THERE, YOU'LL GET OVER IT! YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED NOW, BUT YOU'LL FORGET IT AFTER A WHILE! THAT MOVIE GAME IS WAY OVER RATED!



HIYA, JUNE! HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW CAR? I JUST GOT IT TODAY! HEY, DO YOU KNOW IF BABS HAS COME DOWN YET? I HOPE SHE HASN'T MADE ANOTHER DATE! I'D LIKE TO GIVE HER THE FIRST RIDE!

IT WOULDN'T HURT TO ASK! I KNOW I'D BREAK A DATE FOR THAT CHANCE, SO WHY WOULDN'T SHE? AND YOUR CAR IS A DARLING!



THERE'S BABS NOW! SO LONG JUNE!

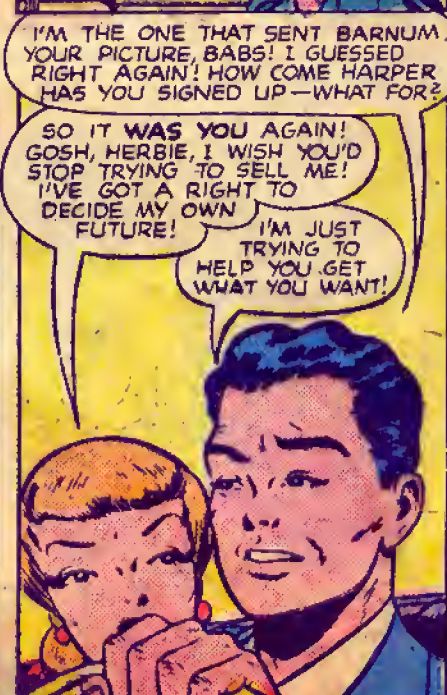
HEY, BABS—TAKE A GANDER AT MY NEW CAR! HOW DO YOU LIKE IT? HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT? IT ISN'T THAT BAD, IS IT? IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A DATE, HOW ABOUT LETTING ME DRIVE YOU HOME?

SOB! I'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU DRIVE ME HOME! SOB!



WHAT'S EATING AT YOU? FOR A GIRL THAT'S IN HIGH GEAR TO SUCCESS, YOU SURE LOOK DOWN IN THE DUMPS!

I WAS OFFERED THE LEAD IN "MIRACLE OF THE DELL" AND HARPER WOULDN'T LET ME OUT OF MY CONTRACT WITH HIM! BARNUM, THE PRODUCER FLEW HERE ALL THE WAY FROM THE COAST, JUST FOR ME!



I'M THE ONE THAT SENT BARNUM YOUR PICTURE, BABS! I GUESSED RIGHT AGAIN! HOW COME HARPER HAS YOU SIGNED UP—WHAT FOR?

SO IT WAS YOU AGAIN! GOSH, HERBIE, I WISH YOU'D STOP TRYING TO SELL ME! I'VE GOT A RIGHT TO DECIDE MY OWN FUTURE! I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT!

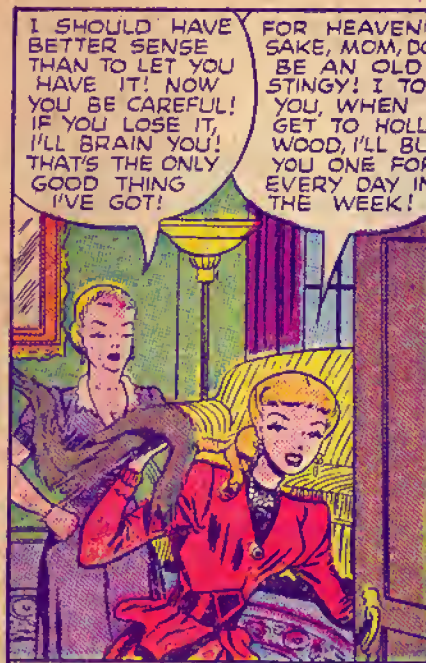


HE MADE ME SIGN, LESS THAN AN HOUR BEFORE I BECAME MISS FUTURE! I'M SURE HE KNEW IT BEFORE I DID! HE'S GOT TO LET ME OUT! HE'S JUST GOT TO! THIS IS THE BIGGEST CHANCE IN THE WORLD! OH, I JUST HAVE TO TALK TO HIM AGAIN! WOULD YOU TAKE ME TO HIS HOTEL, HERBIE?

OF COURSE! I'LL EVEN TALK TO HIM MYSELF, IF YOU THINK IT WOULD HELP!

BUT I'LL HAVE TO GO HOME, FIRST! O.K., HERBIE!





I SHOULD HAVE BETTER SENSE THAN TO LET YOU HAVE IT! NOW YOU BE CAREFUL! IF YOU LOSE IT, I'LL BRAIN YOU! THAT'S THE ONLY GOOD THING I'VE GOT!

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, MOM, DON'T BE AN OLD STINGY! I TOLD YOU, WHEN I GET TO HOLLYWOOD, I'LL BUY YOU ONE FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK!



WOW! NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL GLAMOUR! YOU DIDN'T SPIFF UP JUST TO VISIT HARPER, DID YOU?

SHUCKS, NO! I'VE GOT A HUNCH HE'LL FREE ME, IN WHICH CASE, I WANT TO BE READY TO CELEBRATE—WITH YOU, OF COURSE! ONE LAST FLING FOR MY LAST DAY IN THIS CITY!



WHO IS IT?

IT'S ME, BABS DALEY!

KNOCK! KNOCK!



WELL—HELLO!! YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON I EXPECTED IT TO BE! IF YOU'VE COME ABOUT THE CONTRACT, THE ANSWER IS STILL "NO"! AND IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW THE REASON WHY, I'LL TELL YOU—IT'S BECAUSE I'M NUTS ABOUT YOU! I WANT TO KEEP YOU FOR MYSELF!



KEEP ME FOR YOURSELF?? WHY...YOU...YOU OF ALL THE...I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!!! YOU'RE JUST LIKE ALL THE REST OF THE WOLVES IN THIS TOWN!!

MY, MY, SUCH A TEMPER! THAT MAKES ME GO FOR YOU EVEN MORE! YOU KNOW, EVER SINCE I MET YOU, I'VE BEEN PLANNING TO ASK YOU TO MARRY ME—HOW ABOUT IT?



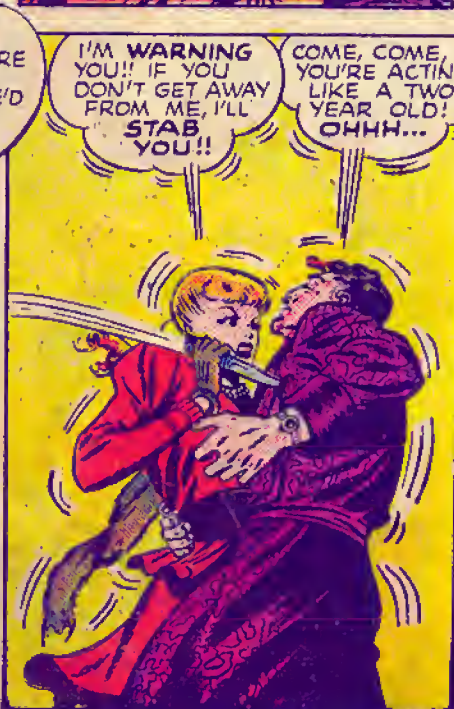
MARRY YOU?? I'D RATHER BE DEAD FIRST!! YOU KEEP AWAY FROM ME, YOU...YOU... XXXOO!! XX!!

TSK, TSK, THAT'S NO WAY FOR A LADY TO TALK! YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY HARD TO GET WITH ME—I'M SOLD!



I MEAN IT!! TAKE YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF ME, OR I'LL KILL YOU!! I SWEAR!!

VERY DRAMATIC! IT'S TOO BAD BARNUM ISN'T HERE TO SEE THIS PERFORMANCE! HE'D REALLY SEE WHAT HE WAS MISSING OUT ON!



I'M WARNING YOU!! IF YOU DON'T GET AWAY FROM ME, I'LL STAB YOU!!

COME, COME, YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A TWO-YEAR OLD! OHHH...



OH, NO, NO!! OH, MY...WHAT HAVE I DONE!! OH, MR. HARPER!! OH, PLEASE, MR. HARPER, I DIDN'T MEAN IT!! HONEST, I DIDN'T MEAN IT!!





IT'S MY OWN FAULT!! I WARNED HIM!! OH, WHY DID I HAVE TO COME UP HERE!! IF ANYONE SEES ME, IT'S CURTAINS!!

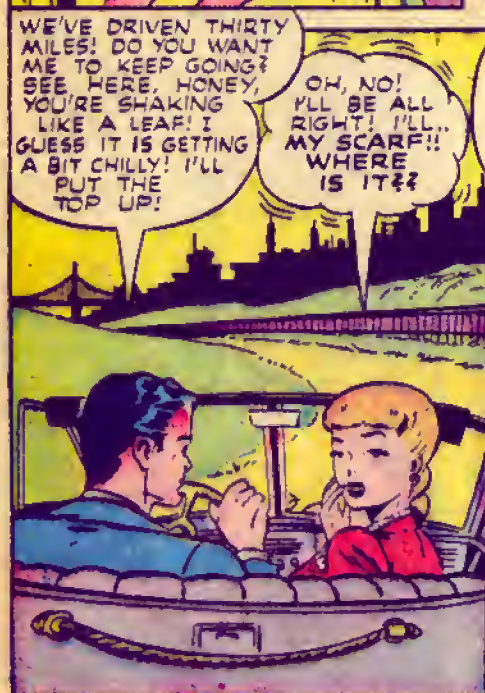


COME TO THINK OF IT, NO ONE DID SEE ME COME UP—I'D BETTER NOT CHANCE USING THAT SELF SERVICE ELEVATOR! THIS TIME, I'LL USE THE BACK STAIRS!



WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD? HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT? DID HE COME ACROSS?

HE DIDN'T ANSWER HIS DOOR! I GUESS I'LL SEE HIM IN THE MORNING! LET'S TAKE A NICE, LONG RIDE!



WE'VE DRIVEN THIRTY MILES! DO YOU WANT ME TO KEEP GOING? SEE HERE, HONEY, YOU'RE SHAKING LIKE A LEAF! I GUESS IT IS GETTING A BIT CHILLY! I'LL PUT THE TOP UP!

OH, NO! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT! I'LL... MY SCARF!! WHERE IS IT??



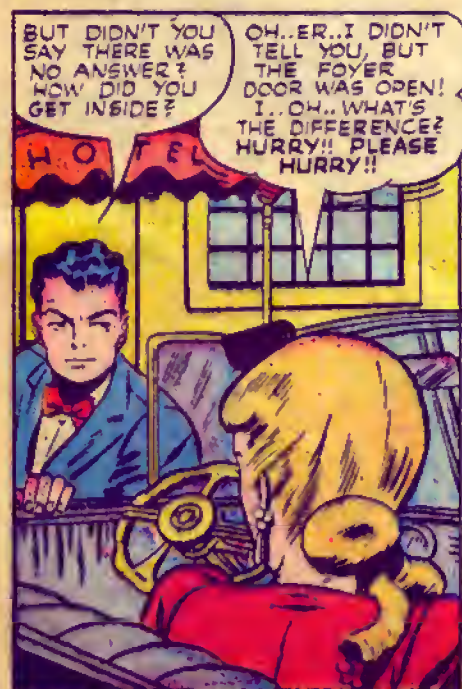
IT'S NOT IN THE CAR, BABS! ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T DROP IT ON THE WAY DOWN FROM HARPER'S?

WHY, SURE!! THAT'S WHERE IT MUST BE! WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK!! I...I MUST GET IT RIGHT AWAY!



WHY BOTHER ABOUT IT, NOW? YOU CAN GET IT FROM HIM TOMORROW AT THE OFFICE! PHONE HIM AND ASK HIM TO BRING IT IN TO WORK!

I...I...CAN'T!...I MEAN...MOTHER WILL HAVE A CAT'S FIT IF I DON'T BRING IT BACK TONIGHT! PLEASE DRIVE BACK! YOU'LL RUN UP AND GET IT FOR ME, WON'T YOU? PLEASE, HERBIE! IT MUST BE IN HIS FRONT ROOM!!



BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY THERE WAS NO ANSWER? HOW DID YOU GET INSIDE?

OH...ER...I DIDN'T TELL YOU, BUT THE FOYER DOOR WAS OPEN! I...OH...WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? HURRY!! PLEASE HURRY!!



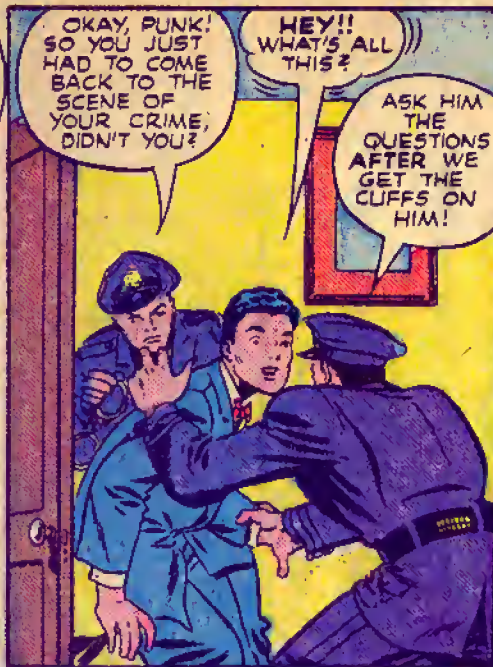
POLICE CARS!! IT'S TOO LATE!! THEY'VE FOUND HARPER!!







IT'S JUST LIKE A WOMAN! I WONDER WHY SHE'S SO INSISTENT! HER MOTHER IS USUALLY PRETTY UNDERSTANDING! WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE, IF SHE DIDN'T GET IT BACK UNTIL TOMORROW? HARPER ISN'T GOING TO RUN OFF WITH IT!



OKAY, PUNK! SO YOU JUST HAD TO COME BACK TO THE SCENE OF YOUR CRIME, DIDN'T YOU?

HEY!! WHAT'S ALL THIS?

ASK HIM THE QUESTIONS AFTER WE GET THE CUFFS ON HIM!



WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?? I CAME HERE TO GET SOMETHING FROM MY BOSS, MR. HARPER! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

SO YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY DUMB, HUH? LET'S TAKE HIM IN TO SEE HARPER!



THERE'S YOUR MR. HARPER! NOW TELL US, WHAT'S YOUR NAME? AN' WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT, THAT YA HAD TO SEE HIM ABOUT AT ONE IN THE MORNING!

WHO IS THIS GUY?



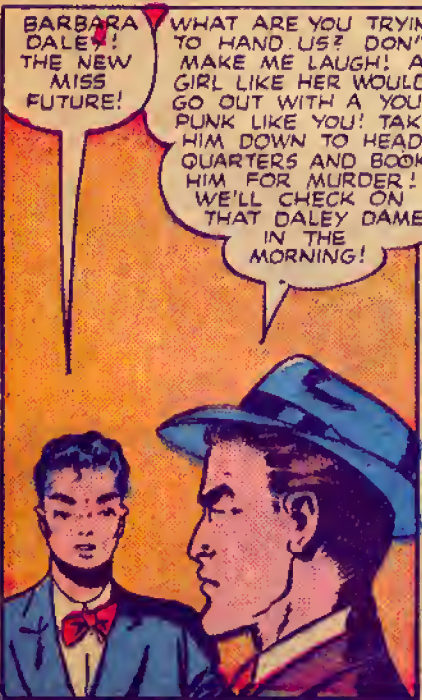
WE PICKED HIM UP WHEN HE WALKED IN-WITHOUT KNOCKING! MY GUESS IS THAT HE KILLED HARPER AND CAME BACK TO WIPE UP SOME OF HIS FINGERPRINTS!

WELL??!! WHAT ABOUT IT? DID YOU KILL HARPER? IF YOU DIDN'T, WHY DID YOU SNEAK IN JUST NOW?



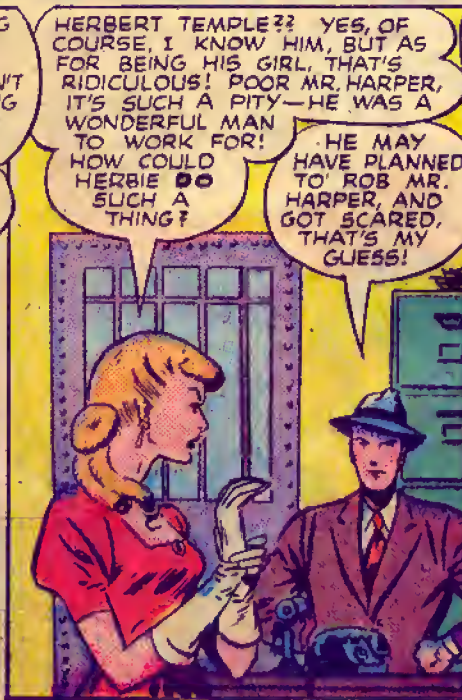
I CAME TO GET B...?? YES!!! I KILLED HIM! I DID IT BECAUSE HE GOT FRESH WITH MY GIRL!

WHAT GIRL WHO'S YOUR GIRL?



BARBARA DALEY! THE NEW MISS FUTURE!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO HAND US? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! A GIRL LIKE HER WOULDN'T GO OUT WITH A YOUNG PUNK LIKE YOU! TAKE HIM DOWN TO HEAD-QUARTERS AND BOOK HIM FOR MURDER! WE'LL CHECK ON THAT DALEY DAME IN THE MORNING!



HERBERT TEMPLE?? YES, OF COURSE, I KNOW HIM, BUT AS FOR BEING HIS GIRL, THAT'S RIDICULOUS! POOR MR. HARPER, IT'S SUCH A PITY—HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN TO WORK FOR! HOW COULD HERBIE DO SUCH A THING?

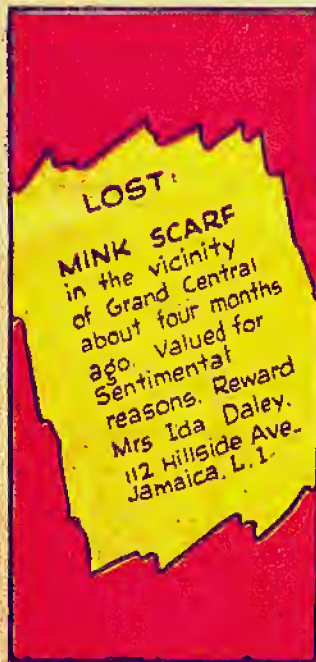
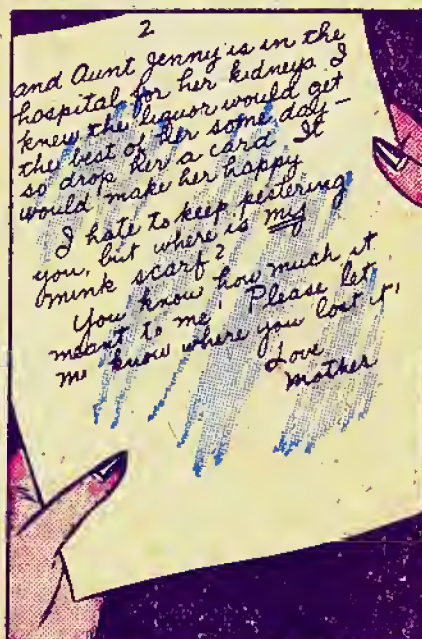
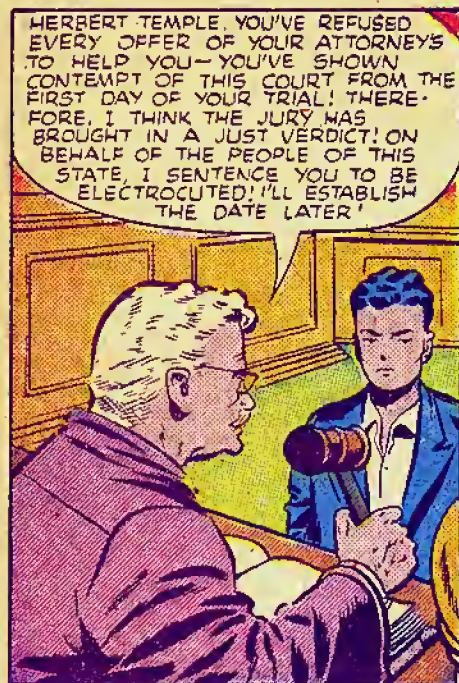
HE MAY HAVE PLANNED TO ROB MR. HARPER, AND GOT SCARED, THAT'S MY GUESS!



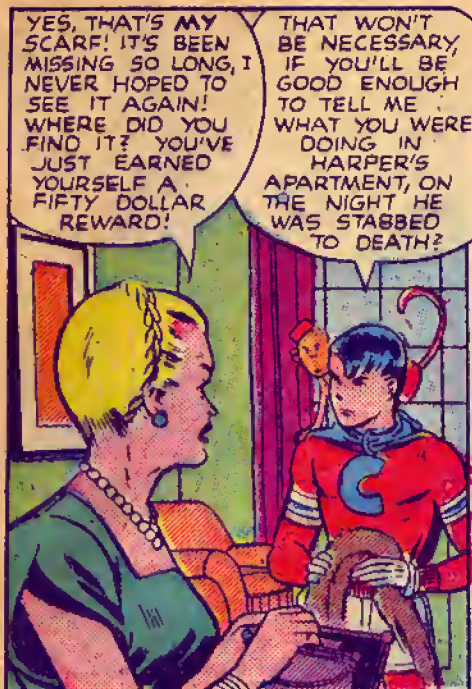
THIS IS BABS DALEY—REMEMBER? I GUESS YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN THE PAPERS, MR. BARNUM—I MEAN, ABOUT POOR MR. HARPER! IT'S DREADFUL! THAT HE SHOULD BE KILLED AT THIS TIME! I GUESS IT DOES RELEASE ME FROM THAT CONTRACT, THOUGH!

MAYBE IT'LL ALL BE FOR THE BEST! YOU KNOW, IF I'D THOUGHT OF THAT, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN TEMPTED TO KILL HIM, MYSELF! WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? TAKE THE NEXT PLANE!



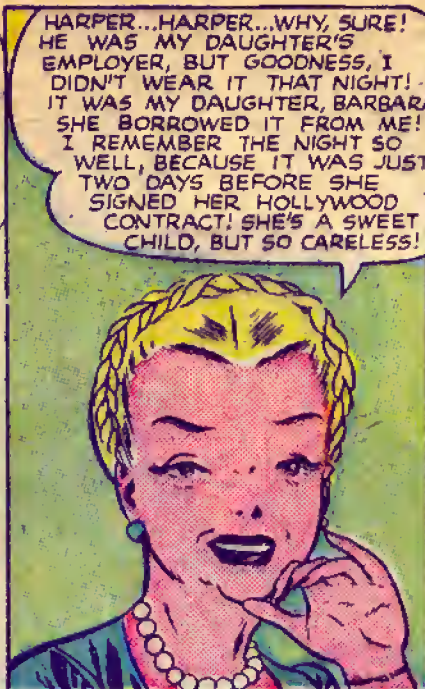






YES, THAT'S MY SCARF! IT'S BEEN MISSING SO LONG, I NEVER HOPED TO SEE IT AGAIN! WHERE DID YOU FIND IT? YOU'VE JUST EARNED YOURSELF A FIFTY DOLLAR REWARD!

THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, IF YOU'LL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE DOING IN HARPER'S APARTMENT, ON THE NIGHT HE WAS STABBED TO DEATH?

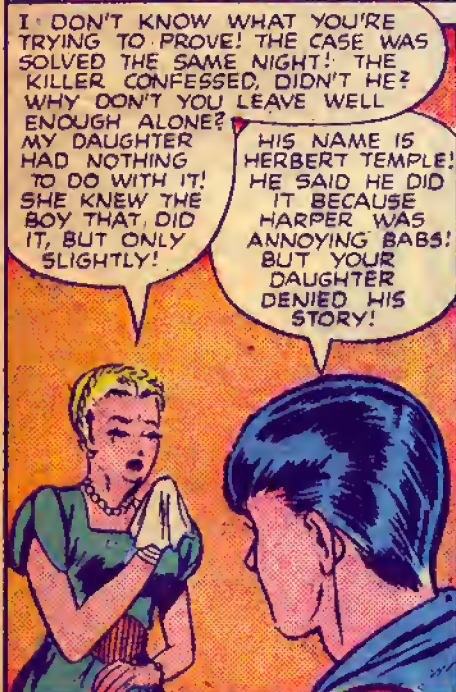


HARPER...HARPER...WHY, SURE! HE WAS MY DAUGHTER'S EMPLOYER, BUT GOODNESS, I DIDN'T WEAR IT THAT NIGHT! IT WAS MY DAUGHTER, BARBARA! SHE BORROWED IT FROM ME! I REMEMBER THE NIGHT SO WELL, BECAUSE IT WAS JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE SHE SIGNED HER HOLLYWOOD CONTRACT! SHE'S A SWEET CHILD, BUT SO CARELESS!



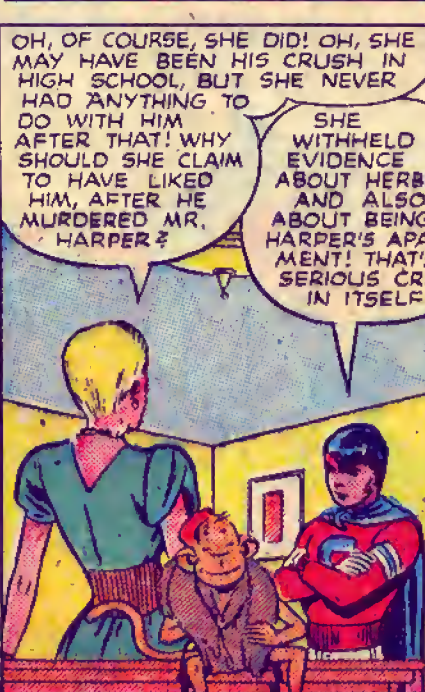
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU REALIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF ITS IMPLICATION! IT JUST SO HAPPENS, THAT THE SCARF WAS FOUND WEDGED IN HARPER'S FRONT DOOR! IT ALSO MEANS THAT YOUR DAUGHTER WAS IN A HECK OF AN ANXIOUS HURRY TO GET AWAY, NOT TO HAVE FELT IT JERK FROM HER SHOULDER!

OH, NO!!



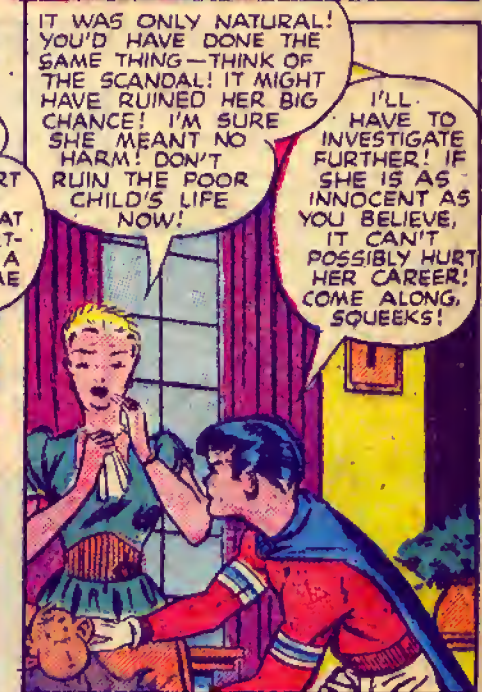
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO PROVE! THE CASE WAS SOLVED THE SAME NIGHT! THE KILLER CONFESSED, DIDN'T HE? WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE? MY DAUGHTER HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! SHE KNEW THE BOY THAT DID IT, BUT ONLY SLIGHTLY!

HIS NAME IS HERBERT TEMPLE! HE SAID HE DID IT BECAUSE HARPER WAS ANNOYING BABS! BUT YOUR DAUGHTER DENIED HIS STORY!



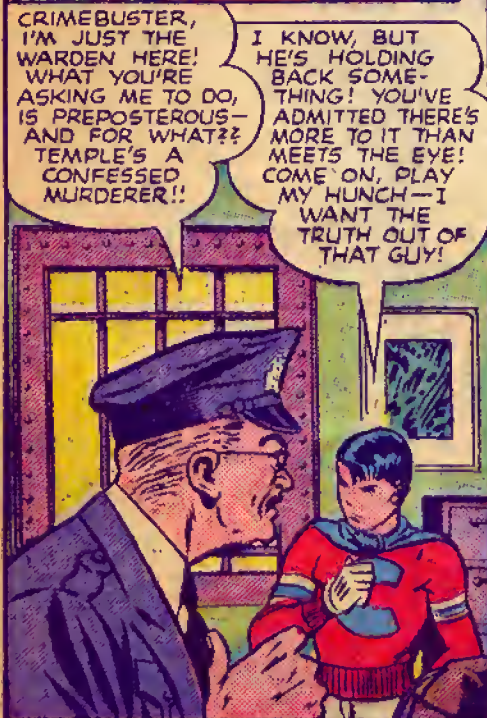
OH, OF COURSE, SHE DID! OH, SHE MAY HAVE BEEN HIS CRUSH IN HIGH SCHOOL, BUT SHE NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM! AFTER THAT! WHY SHOULD SHE CLAIM TO HAVE LIKED HIM, AFTER HE MURDERED MR. HARPER?

SHE WITHHELD EVIDENCE ABOUT HERBERT AND ALSO ABOUT BEING AT HARPER'S APARTMENT! THAT'S A SERIOUS CRIME IN ITSELF!



IT WAS ONLY NATURAL! YOU'D HAVE DONE THE SAME THING—THINK OF THE SCANDAL! IT MIGHT HAVE RUINED HER BIG CHANCE! I'M SURE SHE MEANT NO HARM! DON'T RUIN THE POOR CHILD'S LIFE NOW!

I'LL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER! IF SHE IS AS INNOCENT AS YOU BELIEVE, IT CAN'T POSSIBLY HURT HER CAREER! COME ALONG, SQUEEKS!



CRIMEBUSTER, I'M JUST THE WARDEN HERE! WHAT YOU'RE ASKING ME TO DO, IS PREPOSTEROUS—AND FOR WHAT?? TEMPLE'S A CONFESSED MURDERER!!

I KNOW, BUT HE'S HOLDING BACK SOMETHING! YOU'VE ADMITTED THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN MEETS THE EYE! COME ON, PLAY MY HUNCH—I WANT THE TRUTH OUT OF THAT GUY!



I KNOW YOU'LL THINK THIS IS CRAZY, BUT WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO, IS PERFORM A FAKE EXECUTION, A DAY AHEAD OF TIME! IT WON'T BE TOO EASY TO CONFUSE HERB ABOUT THE DATE! CONDEMNED MEN COUNT EVERY HOUR THAT'S LEFT!

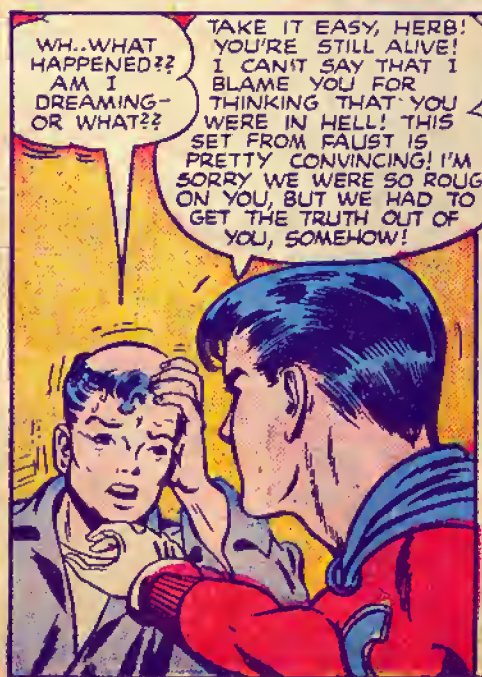
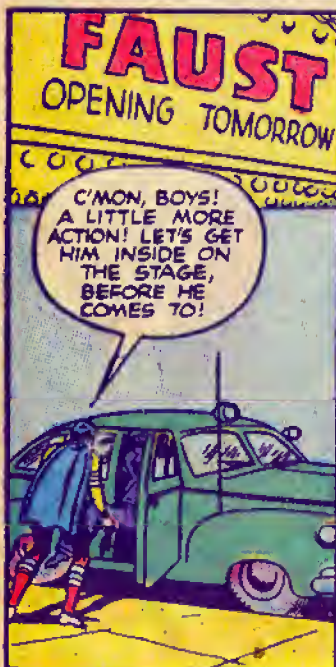
THAT PART'S OKAY! THIS KID'S IN SUCH A FOG, HE DOESN'T KNOW ONE DAY FROM THE NEXT! ANYHOW, HE DOESN'T CARE—IT'S THE REST OF THE PLAN THAT WORRIES ME!



THEY JUST SHAVED MY HEAD! I GUESS THEY'RE GOING TO EXECUTE ME TONIGHT, AREN'T THEY? WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?

I'M THE DOCTOR! ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE! I WANT TO GIVE YOU A SHOT OF SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR YOU TONIGHT! WE DO IT FOR SOME CONDEMNED PRISONERS, WHOM WE FEEL AREN'T REALLY CRIMINALS AT HEART—YOU'RE LUCKY!







MAYBE IT IS TRUE, BUT IF YOU PUT HER ON TRIAL NOW, YOU'LL WRECK US ALL!! IN TWO MONTHS WE'LL HAVE COMPLETED OUR BOOKINGS! DON'T RUIN ME!!! DON'T RUIN THE WHOLE COMPANY!! THE CAST, THE STAGEHANDS, THE INVESTORS—YOU'LL PUT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OUT OF WORK! CAN'T YOU WAIT A COUPLE OF MONTHS?? WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL IT MAKE TO YOUR STATE, IF SHE PAYS THE PRICE NOW OR LATER??

IF MISS DALEY GIVES ME A COMPLETE CONFESSION, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THE AUTHORITIES DELAY THE TRIAL FOR TWO MONTHS AFTER THE FILM IS RELEASED! BY THEN YOUR BOOKINGS SHOULD BE COMPLETE AND YOU CAN WEATHER THE BAD PUBLICITY! IF SHE WON'T CONFESS, WE'LL HAVE TO ARREST HER AT ONCE!

MISS DALEY, I MIGHT'VE KNOWN YOU KNOCKED OFF THAT HARPER GUY! YOU MAY AS WELL CONFESS! IT'S A FAIR PROPOSITION! IF YOU DON'T, WE'LL HAVE TO SHELVE THE "MIRACLE" AND YOU'LL GO ON TRIAL, ANYHOW!

Y..YOU MEAN THE PICTURE WOULD NEVER BE RELEASED?? THAT. NO ONE WOULD EVER SEE ME AS A STAR??

ALL RIGHT!! I'LL CONFESS—I DID IT!! BUT NOT BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T RELEASE ME FROM THE CONTRACT HE TRICKED ME INTO! IT WAS WHEN HE TRIED TO GET FRESH, THAT I LOST MY HEAD! I STABBED HIM WITH HIS LETTER OPENER, BUT I DIDN'T GO THERE TO KILL HIM!

SURE, I'LL BUY THEM—BOATS, PLANES, EVERYTHING!

I'LL TAKE THEM ALL!

I KNOW IT'S TOUGH, MISS DALEY, BUT YOUR TWO MONTHS ARE UP! YOU HAVE TO COME TO JAIL NOW! THAT WAS THE DEAL, REMEMBER?

I WON'T GO!! I WON'T!! YOU CAN'T DO THIS!! I WON'T GIVE THIS UP!! I WON'T!!

I KNOW IT'S TOUGH, MISS DALEY, BUT YOUR TWO MONTHS ARE UP! YOU HAVE TO COME TO JAIL NOW! THAT WAS THE DEAL, REMEMBER?

I WON'T GO!! I WON'T!! YOU CAN'T DO THIS!! I WON'T GIVE THIS UP!! I WON'T!!

**MIRACLE of the DELL**  
starring **BABS DALEY**  
SCREEN'S LATEST SENSATION!

IT WAS ALL HERB TEMPLE'S FAULT! HE GOT ME THE JOB AT HARPER'S! HE'S THE ONE THAT MADE ME "MISS FORTUNE" AND INTERESTED MR. BARNUM IN ME—AND HE URGED ME TO GO SEE HARPER THAT NIGHT! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HIM URGING ME TO HAVE A CAREER...

HOW COULD I HAVE LOVED HER? LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, JUNE!

SHE'S THE MOST UNGRATEFUL PERSON I'VE EVER KNOWN, AND AFTER ALL YOU DID FOR HER! IT WASN'T AT ALL YOUR FAULT, LIKE SHE SAID! SHE WENT CAREER-CRAZY! YOU SHOULD BE GLAD SHE DIDN'T MARRY YOU WHEN YOU ASKED HER TO! I DON'T THINK SHE'LL GET THE CHAIR, DO YOU?

I'M SURE SHE WON'T! IT WASN'T PREMEDITATED! YOU'RE A SWEET KID, JUNE! TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU WANT OUT OF LIFE? ARE YOU AMBITIOUS TO BECOME A GREAT CELEBRITY?

WHO, ME?? OH, HERBIE, HOW SILLY!!! I WANT A SWEET HUSBAND, A HOME OF MY OWN...KIDS...AND FUN—THAT'S REALLY LIVING, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED!

I'VE BEEN AS BLIND AS A BAT! JUNE, ON THE LEVEL, IF YOU MEAN THAT, YOU'RE THE GIRL I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ALL MY LIFE!

THE END



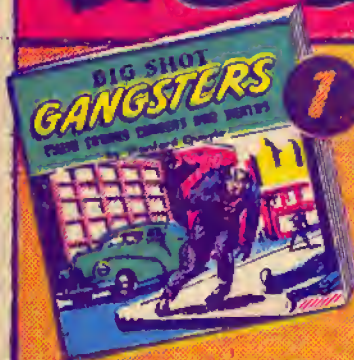
THESE 5 BOOKS...THE MOST EXCITING YOU EVER READ!

# BIG SHOT GANGSTERS

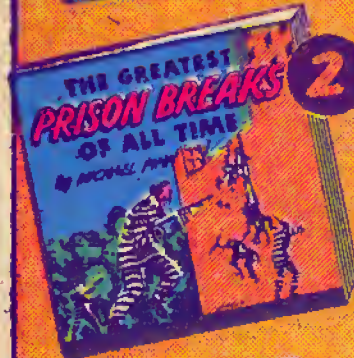


THEIR CRIMES, CAREERS  
AND DEATHS!

BRAND NEW!



**1** BIG SHOT GANGSTERS  
by Stanford Quayle  
lurid  
stories of  
notorious  
gangsters  
and bandits!  
Only 25c postpaid



**2** GREATEST PRISON BREAKS OF ALL TIME  
by Michael Finn  
how they  
were planned—  
carried out!  
Only 25c postpaid



**3** 10 MOST TERRIBLE CRIMES OF ALL TIME  
by Stanford Quayle  
proves crime  
does not pay!  
Only 25c postpaid



**4** HOW DETECTIVES CATCH CROOKS  
by Stanford Quayle  
inside  
secrets  
and  
police  
methods!  
Only 25c postpaid



**5** MYSTERIES OF MAGIC  
MIND READING  
AND HYNOTISM  
by Prof. Hamilton Nelt  
you  
can do  
hundreds  
of tricks!  
Only 25c postpaid

Here are five new pocket sized books of a type never before offered the public. You'll love them all — if you can take it. Each Crime Book shows CRIME DOES NOT PAY — and is crammed with hidden secrets, helpful information, inside "dope".

They're tough — they'll hold you spellbound, your eyes will pop! They sure are thrilling — only 25¢ each — all five for one buck postpaid!

We can't tell you too much here — but you get the idea. Hurry — order all five today!

MOST EXCITING  
BOOKS of ALL TIME  
*Not Sold in Stores*

ONLY 25¢ EACH!  
**BARGAIN-\$1**  
**ALL 5 BOOKS**

## Guarantee!

The publishers guarantee these books to be unlike anything in print. If you order all five books and do not find them as represented, send them back in good condition within 5 days and we will refund your money. Order right now!

## THRILLER BOOKS

63A Central Ave., Ossining, N. Y.

Rush me my books postpaid.

I enclose a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for which send me the books marked at 25¢ each or the bargain five for \$1.00

Check one —

☐ 1. BIG SHOT GANGSTERS ☐ 2. GREATEST PRISON BREAKS  
☐ 3. MOST TERRIBLE CRIMES ☐ 4. HOW DETECTIVES CATCH CROOKS  
☐ 5. MYSTERIES OF MAGIC  
CHECK HERE FOR ALL FIVE FOR \$1.00\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly—use pencil



# TWO KEYS TO MURDER

## A DAREDEVIL STORY

**E**VERY eye in the room was on *Daredevil* as he threaded his way through the close, crowded tables of the swank Town Club. Heads drew close together and voices buzzed excitedly at the sight of the famous crime fighter, but *Daredevil* paid no attention.

"So somebody finally eliminated my old friend, Chick Dale," he was thinking. "No wonder Crandell called me. He knew I'd be interested, after my sending Dale to the pen so many times. Well, I might have known a crook like Dale would end up this way sooner or later."

He spotted Crandell waving to him from a small door near the bandstand, and pushed his way through the crowds to reach him.

"Glad you could get here," said Inspector Crandell, as he led the way through the little door into a short hall beyond. "Besides involving Dale, this case threatens to be quite a problem."

*Daredevil* grinned. "You're a worrier, Crandell. What's the trouble this time?"

"See for yourself," answered Crandell, opening a door off the hall and ushering *Daredevil* in ahead of him.

The room was a typical, tiny night-club dressing room. The furniture consisted of a brightly lighted, mirrored dressing table, a divan, a large, separated clothes closet and one chair. Opposite the door, high up on the wall, was a small barred window. The only unusual feature of the room was the body of Chick Dale, sprawled grotesquely in the center of the floor, a huge wound gaping at the top of his head.

"Whew," said *Daredevil*. "Somebody really belted him, didn't they? What sort of weapon was it?"

"No trace of a weapon to be found," answered Crandell. "And that's not the worst—there are some very odd angles to this thing."

*Daredevil* glanced up from examining the body and then glanced down again to pick a small shining bit of something off the sleeve of the dead man's coat. He rubbed it between his fingers thoughtfully. "Well, let's get to work. Tell me all you know."

"Well, to start with, I was here at the club when the murder was committed," said Crandell, "which only makes things worse. Anyway, here is the story."

"This dressing room belongs to Shandra Kole,

the dancer," Crandell began. "Her father was an old friend of mine—used to be on the force."

"Well, I dropped by tonight to visit for a minute and ask about him, and Shandra was just about to go into her act, so she asked me to stay and see it. We sat here for a few minutes, and then, when it was time for her to go on, I went out and found the head waiter, as Shandra had told me to do, and he took me in and seated me at the manager's table."

"The manager and owner of this place is a fellow named Mack Richards. He's engaged to Shandra, by the way. Anyway, he was there at his table and we talked about her awhile, watched her dance, and then I found my way back here."

"Shandra had gotten here before I did. Just as I reached the door, which was open, I heard a scream, and she came running out. I jumped in here and found Dale like this. Shandra told me she had just unlocked the door—she still had the key in her hand—and the moment she opened it, she saw the body and screamed. I sent for Richards, but he had gone out. Then I phoned you—and that's the story."

*Daredevil* frowned. "Not much to go on. But what's the odd angle about it? So far, practically anybody could have done it."

"Remember my mentioning that Shandra unlocked the door?" *Daredevil* nodded. "Well," Crandell went on, "there's your funny angle. Shandra and Richards have the only two keys to this room. The door hasn't been tampered with, and you can see that no one could get in through that barred window. And Shandra was on the floor, dancing, while Richards was sitting at the table with me!"

*Daredevil* frowned as he wandered idly around the room, glancing into corners, opening drawers. "That leaves two possibilities, Crandell. One is that someone else has a key, either a key that Shandra and Richards don't know about, or one that they won't talk about. The second possibility is that Shandra killed Dale in that moment when she was in here, just before she screamed."

Crandell shook his head. "The first guess, perhaps, but not the second. She's too small and light to hit anybody as hard as Dale was hit. Besides that, she's a nice kid—she's no killer. And strongest of all—what could she have done with the murder weapon in that very few seconds



before I arrived?"

*Daredevil* was peering into the big closet, looking at the shining array of spangled, sequinned gowns hanging in a long row. He shut the door and turned to face Crandell with a wry grin. "Maybe you're right about this case," he said. "It may be pretty tough after all. Well, I guess I'd better talk to the girl."

"Okay, I'll get her," answered Crandell. He bent to throw a blanket over the still form on the floor. "No sense in upsetting her by making her look at that ugly head wound again."

As Crandell straightened up and started for the door, there was a sudden knock, and the door burst open, admitting a heavy set, dark young man. He stopped on the threshold, glanced at the covered form on the floor and then at *Daredevil* and Crandell. "What's all this I hear about a dead man in here," he said quietly. "Is this the body?"

"Come in, Richards," said Crandell. "*Daredevil*, this is Mack Richards, owner of the Town Club. Where have you been?" He turned back to the newcomer. "I've been looking for you."

Richards didn't bother to answer the question, as he stepped into the room and flung himself onto the divan. "What a mess," he growled. "This is terrible for my business! Is Shandra involved in it?"

"We don't know yet," answered Crandell. "But we'd like to ask you a few questions. First of all, has anyone besides you and Shandra a key to this room? And do you have your key with you?"

"Nobody else has one, as far as I know," answered Richards. He fished in his pocket. "I always have the key—at least, I think so." He drew out a key ring, picked out a key and showed it to Crandell. "There it is," he said.

Crandell indicated the form on the floor. "Know the dead man?"

"No," grunted Richards. "Never saw him before."

*Daredevil* glanced quickly at the cafe owner. He had been silent until now, but suddenly he spoke. "His name is Chick Dale. Sure you don't know him?"

Richards shook his head. "Positive," he answered.

"Got any ideas that might help us at all?" As Crandell spoke, *Daredevil* sauntered casually across the room until he was behind Richards, who was still half lying on the divan.

"Not a thing," answered Richards. "I don't know anything about it."

*Daredevil* glanced up from a close scrutiny of Richards, and turned to Crandell. "What sort of costume was Shandra wearing when she danced, Crandell?"

Crandell frowned. "Well, a sort of filmy thing, very feminine."

"Chiffon," said Richards. "She always wears that for the first show, why?"

*Daredevil* grinned. "Because that fact will help us prove that you murdered Chick Dale,

won't it, Crandell?"

Crandell blinked, but managed to nod his head.

Richards leaped to his feet. "You're crazy, both of you," he shouted. "I had nothing to do with it! What difference does it make *what* dress she wore?"

"A big difference, Richards," answered *Daredevil*. "Both the dead man's coat and yours have bits of shiny spangles caught on them. And since we know Shandra hasn't used those dresses this evening, naturally, the question arises as to where you got them. And the answer is—in the closet! You and Dale were in that closet all the time Crandell was in this room, Richards. And when he and Shandra left, you killed Dale, got rid of the weapon, and hurried to your table, while Crandell was finding the head waiter!"

"That's no evidence," Richards growled. "I know enough law for that!"

"Not by itself it isn't," answered *Daredevil*, "but we also happen to know that Dale was a blackmailer, and ten to one he had something on you. All we have to do is to make a thorough check on your past, and—"

Without a word of warning, Richards went into action. He leaped to the dressing table and seized a heavy pressing iron, turned in a flash and flung it with deadly aim straight at *Daredevil's* head. The iron landed with a splintering thump—against the wall, exactly where *Daredevil's* head had been a moment before.

*Daredevil* was across the room in a flash. A grunt of pain, and Richards was helpless in the crime fighter's cable-muscled arms, as Crandell snapped on the cuffs.

"Okay, okay," cried Richards, "so I killed Dale—the dirty rat. We'd known each other for years—it was through a blackmailing job we pulled together that enabled me to buy the club. It was all his idea and he took the rap for it. He came here tonight and threatened to squeal on me, if I didn't turn over ownership of the club to him! I'm glad he got what was coming to him."

"Nice going, Richards," said *Daredevil*. "You gave us a confession and the murder weapon, too. I'll bet that iron will fit nicely, even though you did wash it."

"Well, you sewed this one up all right, *Daredevil*," said Crandell. "Luckily, though—those spangles being on both coats were a big help."

"Sure it was lucky," answered *Daredevil* with a grin. "But as I've always said, killers give themselves away. I'd never have caught on so fast, except for one thing. You remember that Richards said he'd never seen the dead man? Well, when Richards came in here, supposedly for the first time tonight, Dale's face was covered with a blanket. How did Richards *know* he'd never seen the man? That put me on the track. There's no doubt about it—killers are stupid. They *always* make mistakes!"

THE END.



ALL THREE,  
**CRIME DOES NOT PAY,**  
**BOY AND DAREDEVIL—**  
 24 ISSUES MAILED  
 TO YOU FOR A WHOLE  
 YEAR FOR ONLY  
**TWO (\$2) DOLLARS!!**

NOT ONE...

NOT TWO...

**BUT THREE!**

**Think of it!**

SEND US \$2.00 AND WE WILL SEND YOU  
 THE **THREE** LEADING COMIC MAGAZINES,  
**BOY, DAREDEVIL, BI-MONTHLY, AND**  
**CRIME DOES NOT PAY** EVERY MONTH—  
 FOR A WHOLE YEAR, POSTPAID!

ASK MOTHER OR DAD TO SEND YOU THESE  
 GREAT MAGAZINES FOR CHRISTMAS—OR  
 SEND THEM TO YOUR FRIENDS—WONDERFUL  
 CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL!

USE COUPON BELOW—IF YOU NEED MORE THAN  
 TWO COUPONS, WRITE NAMES ON SEPARATE SHEET!  
**HURRY!!**

YOUR OWN  
 COUPON

GIFT TO  
 A FRIEND

LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, INC.  
 114 EAST 32ND STREET  
 NEW YORK, 16, N.Y.

PLEASE SEND ME THE **BIG THREE** COMIC BARGAIN  
 TO: (\$2.00 IS ENCLOSED)

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY.....STATE.....

WRITE CLEARLY—PRINT—USE PENCIL

LEV GLEASON PUBLICATIONS, INC.  
 114 EAST 32ND STREET  
 NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

PLEASE SEND THE **BIG THREE** COMIC BARGAIN  
 TO: (\$2.00 IS ENCLOSED)

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY.....STATE.....

WRITE CLEARLY—PRINT—USE PENCIL



**\$2 FOR A  
 WHOLE  
 YEAR!**





Send for  
FREE Cap and  
Dap Pistol Circular!

HEY, FELLOWS!  
I GET MY  
**FIREWORKS**  
FROM **RICH BROS'**  
AND I HAVEN'T  
HAD A FIZZLER YET!

**RICH BROS'**  
*all American*  
ASSORTMENT

Rich Bros' Pre-War Quality!  
Over 172 pieces including 100,  
2" Salutes; 20 Cherry Flash  
Bombs; 26 Flitter Crackers;  
Comet; 2-shot Repeaters; Whis-  
tle Bomb; Red & Green Fire  
Cones; Whistle Devil; Humding-  
er; Gyro-Flyer; Vesuvius Foun-  
tain; Flower Pot; Roman Can-  
dles; Aerial Bombs; Sparklers;  
PLUS 6 Packages Chinese Fire-  
crackers. **FREE PUNK!**

YOURS  
FOR  
ONLY.. **\$4.95**  
RETAIL  
VALUE.. **\$8.55**

Shipped Ry. Express Only. **NO REBATE**  
C.O.D. Enclose Money Order or Check.  
Name nearest Express Office!

Many other assortments and dis-  
plays. Send for **FREE CATALOG**.

**RICH BROS' FIREWORKS CO.**  
DEPT. Z • BOX 514 • SIOUX FALLS S.D.

**WRITE TODAY**

**Positively Greatest  
FREE OFFER**

Latest Scott's International  
\$6.00 stamp album—cover-  
ing entire world, contains  
36,000 illustrated descrip-  
tive spaces; Scott's 1948  
Standard \$7.00 catalogue  
"Philately's Encyclopedia"  
—absolutely **FREE** to appli-  
cants for foreign approvals  
becoming customers.

**BARGAIN STAMP SERVICE**  
Punta Ana • California

**AMAZING U. S. OFFER**  
SCARCE U.S. STAMPS NEARLY 100 YEARS OLD.  
1895 Commemorative, 15-510 stamps, Armed Services  
Victorials complete, Roosevelt set, 1896 Allegorical  
Figure of Commerce, Old Revenue, everything 5c to  
series U.S. approval applicants.  
Metropolitan Stamp, Dept. 51, 140 Nassau, N.Y.C. 2

**80 AMERICAN**  
All different Stamps from North  
America.  
Only 5c to Approval Buyers.  
BRYSON STAMP CO., Drawer F-1, Russell, Ohio

**GIGANTIC CANADIAN BARGAIN**  
Complete set Royal Visit, Coronation,  
Jubilee, new George VI set, Confedera-  
tion, Geo. V set, etc. A gigantic bargain,  
Only 1c to approval applicants.  
ENGLISH STAMP CO.,  
Dept. C, Box 116, So. Orange, N. J.

**HUNGARY  
XMAS SET**  
TO APPROVAL BUYERS.  
PLADON STAMP CO.,  
1717-C 14th Street, Toledo 5, Ohio

**118 DIFFERENT STAMPS**  
including commemoratives, charities,  
airmail, surcharges, etc. Only  
5c to APPROVAL BUYERS.  
BADGER STAMP CO., Dept. D, Milwaukee 3, Wis.

**ADEN TO ZANZIBAR**  
40 DIFFERENT British Empire from ADEN to  
ZANZIBAR including CYPRUS, MALTA, DOMINI-  
CA and others. ONLY 5c with approvals.  
LYMAN CO., Dept. 26, Box 139, C. S. A., N.Y.C. 4

**107 DIFFERENT 3c**  
STAMPS FROM COCHIN,  
CELANIE, CAMEROUN,  
Malta, Ceylon, etc. to Approval Buyers.  
DIXIE STAMP CO., Dept. 6, Milwaukee 1, Wis.

**STAMP COLLECTING OUTFIT**  
Packet of WORLDWIDE STAMPS, Package of Hinges,  
Perforation Gauge and Millimeter Scale, Watermark  
Detector, Everything 10c to approval buyers.  
MORRINE W. BROWN, Dept. C, Marion, Mich.

**15 PERSIA 5c**  
ALL DIFFERENT  
TO APPROVAL BUYERS  
LIBBY STAMP CO.,  
Dept. CD, 314 E. Box 13, Brooklyn 12, N. Y.

**AROUND THE WORLD FOR 10c**  
NEW, INTERESTING, EDUCATIONAL HOBBY  
Collect beautifully colored official **EMBLEM**  
STICKERS of world famous airlines, railroads,  
steamships, major league ball clubs, hotels,  
etc. Be the first among your friends to start  
a collection, form a club. Send 10c for  
big bargain package, illustrated catalog, and  
Honorary Membership card in TRAVELERS CLUB  
with your name in gold.

**VOGUE SPECIALTIES** 401 Carnegie Hall, Dept. 4, Cleveland, Ohio  
ROOSEVELT TRIANGLE and ARGENTINE—57 OTHERS  
1st 3d 4th Roosevelt Mexico Triangle and Argentine Mourning also  
Hites and Mexican stamps from Cuba, Bohemia, etc. — All 5c  
Approvals

**MARYLAND STAMP CO.** • Arlington 1 • Baltimore 15, Md.

**DIAMOND AIRMAIL—35 OTHERS—FREE!**  
Series "Volcano" Diamond, Far Eastern Republic, Epaves, "Bull Fight,"  
Hites and Mexican stamps from Cuba, Bohemia, etc. — All 5c  
Approvals

**T. WATSON** • Dept. #8, Parkville 3rd • TACOMA, WASH.

**U. S. AND ALLIED FLAGS IN FULL COLOR!**  
are shown on China Victory stamp, also Hitler, Mussolini and Ferris  
stamps, Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, odd Malasia and "Double" stamp  
Shawing Laby, etc. All 5c Approvals

**SCHOLLMEYER** • Box 48, Lefferts • BROOKLYN 36, N. Y.

**BOYS-  
IT'S FREE!**

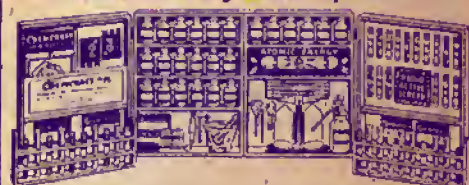
**THE WONDERS  
OF CHEMISTRY**

Get this Exciting New Book on  
**ATOMIC  
ENERGY**  
and  
"THE WONDERS OF CHEMISTRY"

Don't miss it, fellows! Introduces you  
to the miracles of Atomic Energy... and  
lets you in on secrets of the mysterious  
Atomic World. Also shows you how to  
amaze friends and family with Chemcraft  
Chemical Magic. Describes many fasci-  
nating home experiments. Tells about  
the fun, thrills, adventure and big future  
opportunities awaiting boys who know  
chemistry. Send for your **FREE** copy of  
"The Wonders of Chemistry" now! Send  
penny postal or letter — address shown  
below. Send today!

**INSIST ON**

**CHEMCRAFT**  
America's Leading Chemistry Outfits!



**Now...with safe ATOMIC  
ENERGY EXPERIMENTS!**

Now that safe, exciting Atomic Energy  
experiments have been added to its many  
other exclusive features, Chemcraft packs  
more fun than ever before in its 30-year  
history. So this Xmas, ask Mom and Dad for  
Chemcraft—America's leading chemistry out-  
fit. Sold by leading stores everywhere.  
Chemcraft contains no poisons—no explosives,  
no unpleasant chemicals

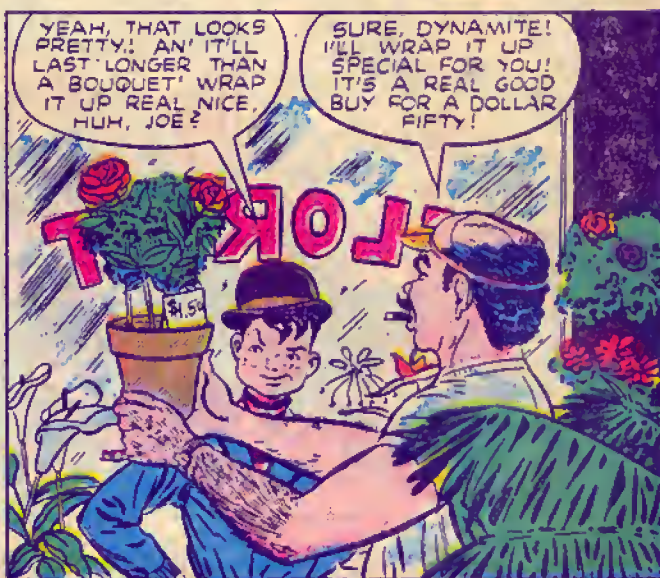
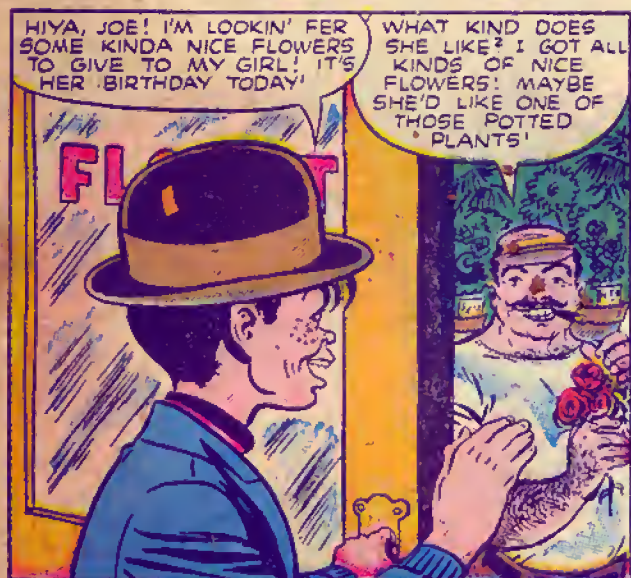
Atomic Energy in Chemcraft 525, 515, 510  
outfits only. Other Chemcraft outfits with  
many features at \$5, \$3.95, \$2.50 and \$1.25

**WRITE FOR FREE COPY OF  
"The Wonders of Chemistry"**

**THE PORTER CHEMICAL CO.**  
56 Prospect Avenue Hagerstown, Md.



# Little DYNAMITE







GEE, I WONDER WHAT IT IS? HURRY UP—AN' OPEN IT!

AW, IT'S JUST SOME FLOWERS! I CAN TELL BY THE WAY IT'S WRAPPED!



WH...WHY, PHWEEEE! WHAT A WITHERED UP MESS! IF THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF A JOKE, IT'S NOT FUNNY!



HA, HA, HA! WHERE'D YA GET THAT SWELL PRESENT, DYNAMITE—OFF OF A GARBAGE TRUCK? HAW, HAW HAW!

SHUDDUP, YA LUG! LOOK, PEGGY, I GOT SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO! LET ME BORROW BACK MY PRESENT, WILL YA?

DON'T JUST BORROW IT—KEEP IT!



A FINE FRIEND YOU TURNED OUT TO BE! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA SELLIN' ME THIS GARBAGE? I OUGHTTA SHOVE IT DOWN YOUR THROAT!

PLEASE, DYNAMITE, IF YOU THINK YOU GOT TROUBLE, LOOK AT MY SHOP!



JUMPIN' CATS, JOE, WHERE'D YA BUY YOUR STOCK FROM—THE LOCAL DUMP?

NO, NO, NO! IT WAS ALL FRESH THIS MORNING! YOU SAW IT YOURSELF!



ALL DAY LONG CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN COMING BACK THROWING THE FLOWERS THEY BOUGHT, AT ME! I GAVE THEM ALL A REFUND! I WOULDN'T CHEAT 'EM, BUT IT'S RUINING ME!



BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FLOWERS? WHAT MAKES 'EM DIE? HAVE YOU ANY IDEA, JOE?

I THINK I KNOW WHY, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY DO IT!



SOME FELLA PHONED ME THE OTHER DAY! HE TRIED TO SELL ME PROTECTION! I SAID, "LOOK, MISTER, I'M A GOOD AMERICAN CITIZEN! I PAY TAXES, SO IF I NEED PROTECTION, I'LL GO TO THE POLICE!" HE GIVES ME A NASTY LAUGH AND SAYS, "THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK NOW, JOE, BUT YOU'LL BE CHANGING YOUR MIND!"

A REVIVAL OF THE OLD SHAKE-DOWN RACKET, HUH?



LOOK, JOE, MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU! I'D LIKE TO TRY—YOU LET ME TAKE OVER YOUR SHOP TOMORROW, AN' WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS! HOW ABOUT IT?

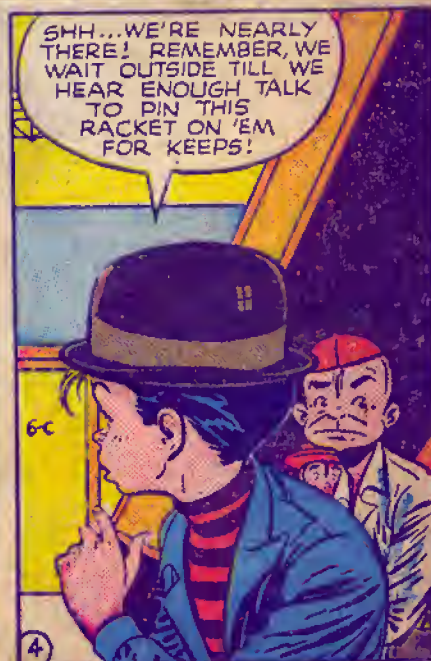
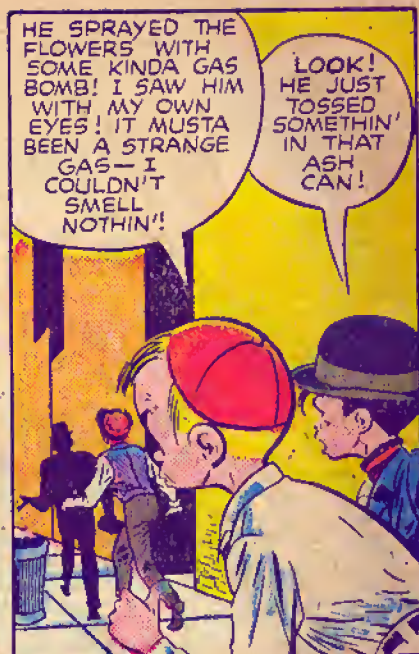
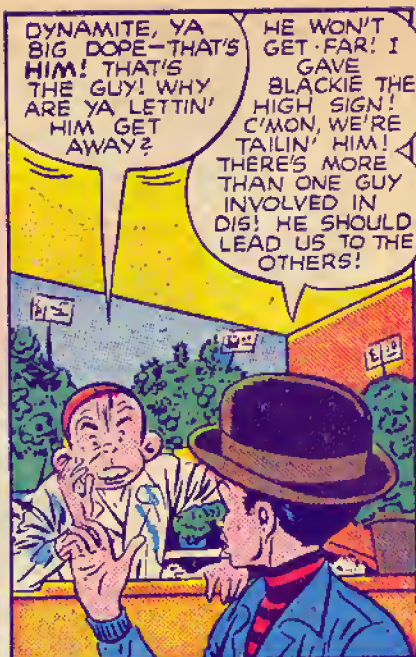
OKAY, DYNAMITE, IT COULDN'T DO ANY HARM! BE HERE ABOUT EIGHT-THIRTY!



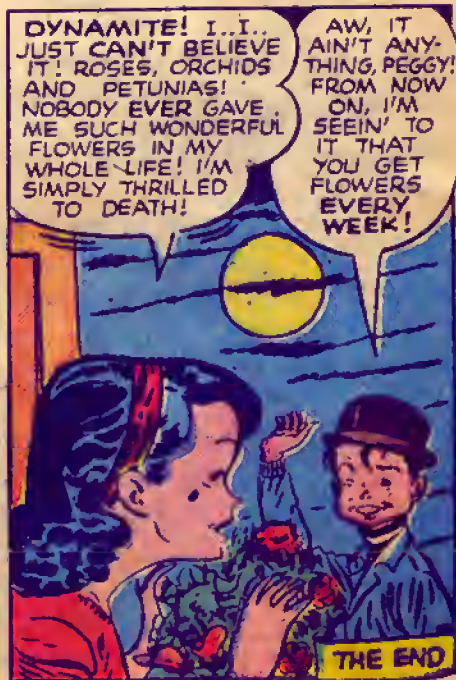
EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...













---

# THIS IS YOUR PAGE

## WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

**\$2.00** FOR EACH LETTER PUBLISHED **\$2.00**

Dear Reader:

In every issue of BOY COMICS this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. Since the conception of BOY COMICS we have been guided by two ideals—first, the eradication of crime, and second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law, who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

I take note of a comic book with real patriotism. BOY COMICS not only helped the morale of many thousands of men overseas, in all the services during the war, but right now it is helping us to win an even more important struggle. We have military strategists but we're short of the kind of strategists needed to win the peace. One big round of applause should go to BOY COMICS when deserving rewards are given out. Your admirer and sincere reader

Gene L. Cliff, 65 Plain St., E. Bridgewater, Mass.

*Our job is to entertain. If, in the course of producing good entertainment, we are able to expound your commendable ideal, we never hesitate to do so.*

BOY and DAREDEVIL are my favorite comic books. If everyone read BOY COMICS, he would get more fun out of life. When my daddy was overseas, we sent him some BOY COMIC BOOKS. They cheered him up and his Buddies, too. He kept the comics until he was killed.

Loretta Perry

4106 S. First Street, Louisville 8, Ky.

*Our entire staff stood in silent salute to the memory of your father.*

The Father's club of our church has voted BOY COMICS the most suitable comic magazine for their children's reading. As far as us kids are concerned, CRIMEBUSTER rates our vote, as always.

Yours truly, A. J. Byrne

209 Amber Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

*Your father and the other members of his club deserve the highest praise for their broad-minded and intelligent attitude.*

This is the first chance I have had to express my appreciation for the wonderful books you publish. While I was in a hospital, just released from

the service, a box full of comic books arrived at our ward. There were all types of books but most of them were CRIME DOES NOT PAY, BOY and DAREDEVIL. We had our pick of six books apiece. Naturally I took 3 BOYS, 2 DAREDEVILS and a CRIME. No one knows the enjoyment and fun we boys in the ward had fighting and arguing about who would get your books. By the way, these books were from a grammar school somewhere. Again I thank you for publishing such fine books and the boys and girls for so generously sending them to us.

M. R. Silirie, 35 Young Ave.  
Paterson 2, N. J.

*We can see that the Marines have landed and BOY COMICS is well in hand.*

I do not think that any mortal man could express the thanks and appreciation we all owe to you, the authors of BOY COMICS. If it weren't for you . . . , well I hate to think of the countless number of would-be criminals that have been saved by your excellent books. I sincerely hope that your magazines will never stop rendering the great public service they are now doing for our nation.

Devotedly, Bill Leong, Jr.

3923 S. La Salle Ave., Los Angeles 37, Calif.

*What we said in answer to Gene L. Cliff's letter holds true for yours.*

I am 13 years old and go to a public school with a very high rating. BOY, DAREDEVIL and CRIME DOES NOT PAY are the only comic books which meet the high standard of our school library. We have a large quantity of them which are always in great demand, so keep them coming.

A faithful reader, Howard Rosenbaum  
2 Schuyler Avenue, Newark 8, N. J.

*Thank your principal on our behalf for the great honor.*

---

Please try to limit letters to about 50 words. All letters become the property of Lev Gleason Publications, Inc. Address all letters to BOY COMICS, 114 East 32 Street, New York 16, N. Y.

---





**It's EASY  
to  
Win Her!**

**...when You Know How!**

**READ for YOURSELF!**

How To Date A Girl	How To Look Your Best
How To Interest Her In You	How Not To Offend
How To Win Her Love	How To Be Well-Mannered
How To Express Your Love	How To Overcome "Inferiority"
How To "Make Up" With Her	How To Hold Her Love
How To Have "Personality"	How To Show Her A Good Time

**AND MORE VALUABLE PAGES!**



**Now  
Only  
98¢**

**W**OMEN are funny—you never know whether you're making the right move or not. Avoid disappointment, *heartbreak!* Save yourself lots of tragedy. Don't be a *Faux pas!* Read **HOW TO GET ALONG WITH GIRLS** and discover for yourself the ABC and XYZ of successful strategy. Put psychology to work. No more clumsy mistakes for *you*—get the real McCoy on *how to deal with women* in this amazing handbook.

**SEND NO MONEY!**

FREE five days' examination of this book is offered to you if you send the coupon today! We will ship you your copy by return mail, in plain wrapper. If not delighted with results, after reading book, return it in 5 days and your money will be refunded. Stravon Publishers, New York.

**MAIL COUPON TODAY**

STRAVON PUBLISHERS, Dept. D-8012  
113 W. 57th St., New York 19, N. Y.

Send **HOW TO GET ALONG WITH GIRLS** in plain wrapper.

- ☐ I enclose 98c  
☐ Send C.O.D. and I will pay postman

If not delighted I may return it in 5 days and get my money back.

Name

Address

City  State

Canada & Foreign \$1.25 with order.



**A M A Z I N G ! N E W !**

# ELECTRONIC

**JUKE-BOX**

# BANK

Now You Can Get a KICK out of Saving!

**LIGHTS MAGICALLY!**

WHEN COIN IS INSERTED

**H**ERE is the most remarkable bank ever offered to the public. Imagine getting a bank that looks and works like a real Juke Box. It's great fun to insert coins from pennies up to quarters and watch the Juke Box Bank **MAGICALLY LIGHT UP** just like a real Juke Box would. Made of colorful plastic and metal, beautifully hand painted. Makes saving a pleasure.



**IT LIGHTS!**  
when coin is inserted



only  
**\$1.69**



1. Pull plunger all the way out



2. Place coin in slot provided



3. Push plunger all the way in



4. Watch it magically light up!

**SEND NO MONEY**

Just send name and address. Pay postman \$1.69 plus a few cents postage on delivery or send a check or money order, we pay postage. Inspect the Juke Box Bank for five days. If not delighted, return it and your money will be cheerfully refunded. Send your order **NOW**.

**SEND NO MONEY**

SHAR-LEE CO., 323 West Division St., Dept. F  
Chicago, Ill.

Send me the Electronic Juke Box Bank on 10 day trial at only \$1.69 each. I may return within 10 days for full purchase price refund.

Name

Address

City  Zone  State

☐ I am enclosing \$1.69 Send Juke Box Bank Prepaid.



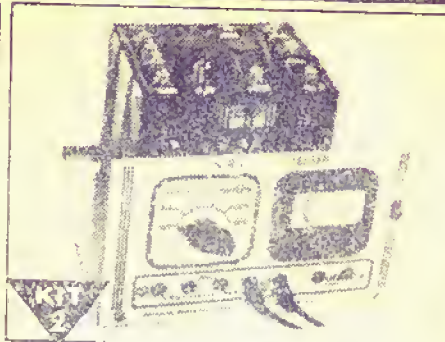


# I Will Show You How to Learn RADIO by Practicing in Spare Time

**I Send You  
Big Kits  
of Radio Parts**



**KIT 1**  
I send you Soldering Equipment and Radio Parts show you how to do Radio soldering; how to mount and connect Radio parts; give you practical experience.



**KIT 2**  
Early in my Course I show you how to build this S. R. I. Tester with parts I send. It soon helps you fix neighborhood Radios and earn EXTRA money in spare time.



**KIT 3**  
You get parts to build Radio Circuits; then test them; see how they work; learn how to design special circuits; how to locate and repair circuit defects.



**KIT 4**  
You get parts to build this Vacuum Tube Power Pack; make changes which give you experience with packs of many kinds, learn to correct power pack troubles.



**KIT 5**  
Building this A. M. Signal Generator gives you more valuable experience. It provides amplitude-modulated signals for many tests and experiments.



**KIT 6**  
You build this Superheterodyne Receiver which brings in local and distant stations—and gives you more experience to help you win success in Radio.

## KNOW RADIO—Win Success I Will Train You at Home—SAMPLE LESSON FREE

Do you want a good-pay job in the fast-growing Radio Industry—or your own Radio Shop? Mail the Coupon for a Sample Lesson and my 64-page book, "How to Be a Success in RADIO—Television, Electronics," both FREE. See how I will train you at home—how you get practical Radio experience building, testing Radio circuits with BIG KITS OF PARTS I send!

**Many Beginners Soon Make Extra Money in Spare Time While Learning**

The day you enroll I start sending EXTRA MONEY manuals that show how to make EXTRA money fixing neighbors' Radios in spare time while

still learning! It's probably easier to get started now than ever before, because the Radio Repair Business is booming. Trained Radio Technicians also find profitable opportunities in Police, Aviation, Marine Radio, Broadcasting, Radio Manufacturing, Public Address work. Think of even greater opportunities as Television, FM, and Electronic devices become available to the public! Send for FREE books now!

**APPROVED FOR TRAINING UNDER GI BILL**

**Find Out What NRI Can Do For You**

Mail Coupon for Sample Lesson and my FREE 64-page book. Find the details about my Course; letters from men I trained; see how quickly, easily you can get started. No obligation! Just MAIL COUPON NOW in envelope or paste on penny postal.

**J. E. SMITH, President, Dept. 7N05, National Radio Institute, Pioneer Home Study Radio School, Washington 9, D. C.**



**Good for Both—FREE**

**MR. J. E. SMITH, Pres., Dept. 7N05**  
National Radio Institute, Washington 9, D. C.

Mail me FREE, your sample lesson and 64-page book. (No salesman will call. Please write plainly.)

Name.....Age.....

Address.....

City.....Zone.....State.....

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH  
RECEIVER SERVICING

### VETERANS

You can get this training right in your own home under G. I. Bill.  
Mail coupon for full details.



# AMERICA'S GREATEST ZIPPER BILLFOLD BARGAIN!

BILLFOLDS ARE PRINTED IN  
*Breath Taking Colors!*



Your Choice  
**\$1.98**  
PLUS TAX.



Style 536—Mexican Girl



Style 537—Mexican Gaucho



Style 532—U. S. Map

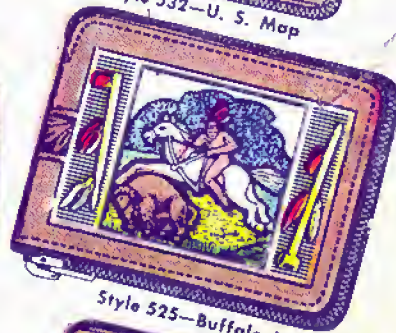


Style 549—Sporting Scene



## SENSATIONAL VALUE!

handsome all-around Zipper Billfold brightly decorated in scintillating colors. Illustrations shown herewith are faithful reproductions showing the beautiful colored scenes embossed on these billfolds. Can't rub off. Other exclusive features include Built-in Zipper Change Purse, Deluxe Pass Case and a roomy Currency Compartment. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back. Rush your order and picture choice on the coupon below.



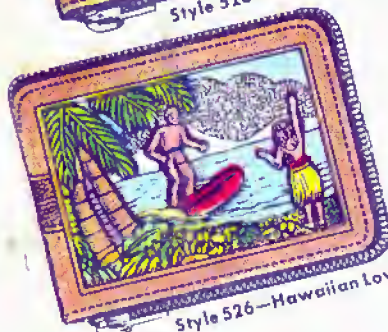
Style 525—Buffalo Hunt



Style 520—Hula Girl



Style 544—Indian Scene



Style 526—Hawaiian Lovers

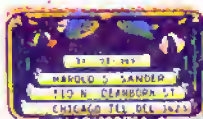


Style 535—Texas Ranger



Style 548—Covered Wagon

Social Security Plate only 35c



You can have this beautiful three Color Social Security Plate with your billfold for only 35c extra. Price includes engraving of your Social Security Number, your full name and address, and your phone number. Send 35c in coin on separate sheet of paper with above information and we'll ship postage prepaid.

**SEND NO MONEY! Mail Coupon With Your Billfold Selection!**

ILLINOIS MERCHANDISE MART, Dept 4335, 1227 Loyola Ave., Chicago 26, Ill.  
Gentlemen: Rush me the Saddle Type beautifully colored Zipper Billfold in the picture choice indicated below. I will pay postman only \$1.98 plus fed. tax and few cents postage and C.O.D. charges on arrival. I must be fully satisfied or I can return the billfold within ten days for refund.

MY BILLFOLD SELECTION IS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(give style number and subject)

If more than one Billfold is being ordered, state how many here: \_\_\_\_\_

MY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE NO \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_